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PROTECTION OF MUI-TSAIS

GROSS CRUELTY

POWERS OF MAGISTRATE ON MEDICAL TESTIMONY

RIGHTS OF GIRLS

In the Government "Gazette" is published the draft of an Ordinance to amend the Female Domestic Service Ordinance, 1923.

It is stated, in part, under objects and reasons:—
 Section 2 of this Ordinance prohibits the bringing into the Colony of any new mui tsai, but if a mui tsai is already in the Colony the section will not prevent her being taken out of the Colony and brought back again, provided that she is registered under the Ordinance before she is taken out.

Prosecutions for Ill Treatment

Section 3 of this Ordinance repeals sections 7 and 8 of the principal Ordinance. Section 7 was inserted in the principal Ordinance in its passage through the Legislative Council. It provides that in every prosecution for over-work or ill-treatment of a mui tsai medical evidence shall be given as to the injuries received by the mui tsai, that the magistrate must find whether such ill-treatment amounted to gross cruelty, and that if the magistrate finds gross cruelty the offender must be sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine. The object was the laudable one that cases of gross cruelty should be adequately punished. There are, however, two dangers. One is that even gross cruelty may leave no indications to which a medical witness can point, and the medical evidence might even have the effect of weakening the evidence of gross cruelty. A more serious danger is that inadvertent failure to call medical evidence on a charge under section 6 of the principal Ordinance might lead to the quashing of a conviction. It is even possible that if the charge were not called, the conviction might be attacked on the ground that section 7 of the principal Ordinance would apply to the charge of assault on a mui tsai as well as to a charge expressly laid under section 6. Section 7 is therefore repealed. Some of its provisions are reproduced in the new section 18 of the principal Ordinance which is to be enacted by section 7 of this Ordinance. That section will provide that, in every prosecution under section 6 of the principal Ordinance the magistrate shall find whether the acts or omissions proved, if any, amounted to gross cruelty, and if he so finds the accused must be sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine. The provision that medical evidence must be called is omitted.

Transfer to New Employer

Section 9 (1) of the principal Ordinance enables the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, upon the death of the employer of any mui tsai, to make any order which he may think fit regarding the transfer of such mui tsai to a new employer. The object of this provision was to give the Secretary for Chinese Affairs power to make the best arrangement for the mui tsai possible in all the circumstances of the case. It was never intended that this power should override the right of a mui tsai to be restored to her parent or other natural guardian, or the general right of the parent or other natural guardian of a mui tsai under the age of eighteen to have the girl restored to his or her custody. Section 4 of this Ordinance therefore, inserts in section 9 (1) of the principal Ordinance words which make it quite clear that the provisions of section 10 of the principal Ordinance are to prevail over those of section 9 (1) in case of any conflict.

Onus of Proof

The proposed new section 21 deals with onus of proof, and provides that, in every prosecution under the principal Ordinance it shall, until the contrary is proved, be presumed that the girl in question was a mui tsai in the employment of the accused at the time of the alleged offence, and that this onus will not be discharged by mere proof that the girl was described in any transaction by some term other than mui tsai.

[This was fully explained in the exclusive article in the "China Mail" yesterday.]

A claim for \$780 alleged to have been suffered as a result of a breach of a warranty of authority by defendant in failing to complete an agreement for the sale of a Kowloon City house for \$1,000, failed in the Summary Court yesterday. Plaintiff was a Chinese woman. She stated that she sold the house to a third party for \$1,400 and had to pay \$280 compensation because the house was not delivered to her. Mr. V. C. Hoang, appeared for plaintiff and Mr. A. E. Hill for defendant. Judgment was given for the plaintiff.

IMPROVING FACTORY CONDITIONS

AMENDING LAW

WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS NOW AFFECTED

POWERS OF INSPECTORS

The draft of an Ordinance to amend the Industrial Employment of Children Ordinance, 1922, is published in the "Government Gazette." The objects and reasons state:

1. This Ordinance is intended to be a further step in the improvement of factory conditions in the Colony. Such improvement must be slow and gradual, and it is very difficult in such matters to travel far ahead of neighbouring countries.

2. The main object of this Ordinance is to include women and young persons within the scope of the principal Ordinance, No. 22 of 1922. A young person is defined as any person of or over the age of fifteen years and under the age of eighteen years.

Removal for Inquiries

3. Paragraph (c) of section 6 of this Ordinance adds to the principal Ordinance a new sub-section 4 (3) which gives the Protector of Labour, and any inspector of labour, power to remove and detain in a suitable place for inquiries any young person of child found in any factory, etc., in which the Protector or inspector has reasonable cause to suspect that some offence against the Ordinance has been committed.

IRRIGATION PROJECT

\$300,000 (Gold) Scheme For China

New York, Yesterday.

The China International Famine Relief Commission, according to a report to the Dept. of Commerce from Shanghai, has signed a contract with the provincial authorities for a \$300,000 (\$300,000) irrigation project in the Suiyuan area. The commission will design and construct the entire system.

The project will start at Tongkwa, at the entrance of the Yellow River into Suiyuan. It will then flow eastward to the Black River and finally drain back to the Yellow River.

The system will cover the districts of Paotow, Saratol and Tokoto and will include main and lateral canals, necessary gates, bridges, damps, weirs and pumping devices. Excavation is expected to be completed within three or four months.—Special News Service.

Without some provision of this kind it would be difficult to investigate a suspected offence, and it might be very difficult to prove the offence if it had been committed. It is obvious that if the child or young person in question were the chief or only witness of the offence there would be a great temptation in the mind of the offender to cause the disappearance of that witness, and this would be comparatively easy in the case of a child or young person. The detention would be in the interest of the child or young person, and in the interests of children and young persons employed in factories generally. It would be for as short a time as possible.

Dangerous Trades

4. A set of draft regulations proposed to be made when the bill is passed, is published simultaneously with the bill. These regulations make the following provisions:—

- Lead processes and manufacture of vermilion are added to the list of dangerous trades.
- The employment of young persons in dangerous trades is prohibited.
- The employment of women in dangerous trades without the special permission of the Protector of Labour is prohibited. It is proposed to allow the employment of women in fire cracker factories.
- The employment of women and young persons between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. is prohibited.

PETROL BLAZE

CHINESE BURNED AND TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

FIRE BRIGADE CALLED

Petrol used for cleaning and printing machinery became ignited in the ground floor of 314, Des Vœux-road West, at about eight o'clock this morning, causing grievous burns to a Chinese, who was injured in the left leg and both arms, and had to be removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Little damage was sustained, as the Fire Brigade soon had the blaze under control.

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FURNACE EXPLODES

WORKERS KILLED IN BILBAO FOUNDRY

MOLTEN LEAD AND WATER

Bilbao, Spain, Yesterday.

An accidental mixture of water with molten metal in a furnace was responsible for a terrific explosion in a blast furnace at Baracaldo, at least 12 persons being killed and 60 injured.—Reuter.

CRUISER LAUNCHED

WIDOW OF GERMAN COMMANDER PERFORMS CEREMONY

THE BATTLE OF FALKLAND

Berlin, Yesterday.

The widow of the Commander of the cruiser "Leipzig," which sunk in the battle of the Falkland Islands in November, 1914, launched a new 6,000-ton cruiser of the same name at Wilhelmshaven to-day.—Reuter.

LIBERAL SUPPORT

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT

GIVING THEM A CHANCE

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Pontypriid, said that the Liberals would have neither a hand nor a part in any premature attempt to eject the Government from office before they had every reasonable chance of showing what it can and cannot do.—Reuter.

MONSOON WEATHER

"N.E. winds, fresh; fine" is the forecast until noon to-morrow for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel.

At 11.18 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—"The anticyclone has weakened and spread eastward to Japan; a depression remains over S. Annam."

The typhoon appears to be situated more than 400 miles E. of Manila, moving W.N.W. or N.W.

Moderate monsoon will prevail along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea."

HAUL FROM A SAFE

Lai Hung, manager of the Hang Wah restaurant, 286, Queen's-road West, has reported to the Police that some time between 11 o'clock last night and 5 o'clock this morning, someone opened by means of a duplicate key, the safe in the office and stole \$1,700 in lock balances and Canton 20-cent pieces. He suspects a certain person who is alleged to have absconded.

JAPAN WELCOMES DISARMAMENT

CORDIAL SUPPORT

HUMANITY SHOULD BE RELIEVED OF HEAVY BURDENS

NATIONAL SECURITY

London, Yesterday.

The text is issued of the reply of the Japanese Government to the British Government's invitation to participate in the five Power Naval Conference.

The reply says that the Japanese Government are happy to signify their entire concurrence in the desirability of the proposed conference, and are ready to appoint a representative, take part in the conference. The Japanese Government are further gratified to know of the willingness of the British Government to continue informal conversations with the Japanese Ambassador in London as hitherto on many points which may require elucidation.

Eased the Ground

They note that similar discussions conducted in London by the Prime Minister with the American Ambassador during the last three months had eased the ground for agreement on the essential points between the British and American Governments, prior to the invitation extended to the other naval Powers to meet in conference.

The Japanese Government attach the highest importance to the same procedure being followed by the Japanese and British

A "GENTLEMAN CROOK"

Alleged Victimhood of Shopkeepers

A "gentleman crook" has made his appearance in the Colony. A regular Dapper Dan, well dressed and speaking at least three languages perfectly, this fellow, a young Chinese of about 25 years, is alleged to have victimised two foreign shopkeepers during the week, his last coup being made as recently as yesterday afternoon. He got away with it and is still at large.

In to-morrow's "Sunday Herald" a full exposure of this crook and the "tricks" alleged to be employed by him will be made. The story is the result of investigation made by a staff writer and should serve to put shopkeepers on their guard.

Governments in order to ensure agreement between them on the various questions that are to be laid before the conference.

The success of the forthcoming conference no doubt depends in a large measure upon a satisfactory issue of such preliminary discussions, and the Japanese Government confidently trust that the informal conversations between the British Government and the Japanese Ambassador on questions of special moment will be carried on and completed before these questions are presented to the conference for final adjustment.

Four Points of Principle

With regard to the four points of principle mentioned in the British Note as the subject of provisional agreement between the British and American Governments, the Japanese Government hope to be able to submit their observations in the course of the informal conversation which the Japanese Ambassador will shortly hold with the British Government. They would, however, make use of this occasion to assure the British Government of their cordial support of the principle that the Treaty for renunciation of war, signed at Paris in 1928, should be taken as the starting point for all discussions on disarmament.

They feel confident that the sense of natural security inspired by the provisions of that treaty in the mutual relations of the contracting Powers, will pave the way for a final settlement of outstanding questions relative to naval disarmament.

FALL FROM HOTEL BALCONY

SOLDIER INJURED

NOW IN HOSPITAL IN SERIOUS CONDITION

A POPULAR SPORTSMAN

Private A. King, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, is at present in the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, suffering from severe injuries received through falling into the street from the balcony of the third floor of the Hotel Savoy last night.

Private King had attended a dance at the hotel together with a sailor friend. They were both sober and had been dancing for the best part of the evening. Feeling hot at about 11 o'clock they decided to miss a dance and retired to the balcony to cool themselves.

It is not clear how the accident happened, but one of the other dancers said that he saw Private King sitting on the parapet and he believes that he must have overbalanced and fallen backward before the sailor could seize him.

Willing Helpers

The alarm was given immediately and many willing helpers amongst the dancers rushed into the street to render assistance to the unfortunate soldier who was in a semi-conscious condition. First aid was rendered on the spot and the motor ambulance was telephoned for from the hotel lobby. It arrived soon after and King was rushed off to the Military Hospital.

A good all-round sportsman, Private King is a valuable member of the K.O.S.B., being in their football team and the mainstay of their relay race team. He is also a good long distance runner and had taken part in all the Marathons which have been held here since his arrival. King has also many civilian friends who will regret the misfortune which befell him and wish him a speedy recovery.

It is understood that although his injuries are serious, King's life is not in danger.

and earnest hope that the conference will succeed in the adoption of plans calculated to promote international peace and goodwill, and relieve humanity of the heavy burden of armaments, whether existing or contemplated.

Other Replies

Acceptances of invitation to the five Power Naval Conference issued by the British Government have been received from United States, France, Italy, and Japan so that the conference is now assured.—British Wireless Service.

Japan's Attitude

Tokyo, Yesterday.
 Baron Shidehara, in a statement to the Press amplifies Japan's reply to the British invitation, and defines the Japanese attitude towards the Arms Conference.

Prefacing his remarks by observing that Japan is looking forward to "the adoption of plans that will in no way operate as a menace to any power, and will at the same time strengthen in the mind of each the sense of national security inspired by the Kellogg Pact," Baron Shidehara continues, "No less importance is attached to the popular demand for reduction of costly expenditure on armaments."

Not to be Caught

Referring to Japan's emphasis on the desirability of preliminary informal conversations the Foreign Minister makes it clear that such preliminary conversations envisage "no agreement or understanding of any kind to prejudice any third party. They are simply designed to facilitate the adjustment of matters wherein Japan particularly is interested, and prepare the ground for a speedy and successful issue of the Conference."

Asserting that Japan is equally willing to hold similar informal discussions with the American or any other Government "on questions in which these Powers are interested in common with Japan," Baron Shidehara concludes by reiterating his confidence that the Conference will succeed in promoting "those international relations of peace and good understanding which have always been so near the heart of this people."

France's Not Enthusiastic

Paris, Yesterday.
 It is officially announced that the French Government has agreed to Italy's desire to exchange views prior to the London Naval Conference.

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse

The air is full of uncivil civil war rumours.

Why was the coconut shy at St. Peter's garden fête?

The air was very racy at Happy Valley last Saturday.

All the belligerents are winning the latest civil war China.

There was quite a warmth about the Ice Company meeting.

Newspaper heading: "A Woman's Lap."—Not the same as a woman's laps.

The Northern bowlers seem to have been shanghaied in Hong Kong.

Why not a nomenclature competition for the new subscription griffins?

Mr. Heard was not heard of among the winners at the sixth extra race meeting.

It took three rat catchers to catch a man trying to steal a gold bangle from the wrist of a child.

There were "some well-worn faces" seen on the racecourse judging by the pictures of some of them.

These Chinese Generals may not always be comrades in arms but they can at least effect a stalemate.

The Somersets' Reserves showed no reserve in scoring goals against the Hong Kong F.C. a week ago.

Their senior team could not pierce the K.O.S.B. goal with Sheers in charge.

A stone breaker has been sentenced to break stones in jail for possessing a small quantity of opium.

"I paid five bob for bed and breakfast," said the Aberdonian, "but there was a lot more bed than breakfast."

"He kicked off his shoes and his collar."—"The Face in the Night" by Edgar Wallace.—A story of the Russian Ballet.

"Another woman carried a big green bag which matched in colour and pattern her blue and black frock."—"Evening News."

Talkoo's Hope outplayed the Civil Service Club's Luck in the deciding match of the Second Division Lawn Bowls League championship.

"Hong Kong's surplus remained at over the ten million mark on July 1."—Who holds \$9,999,999 of that amount, we'd like to know?

The new maternity block at Kowloon Hospital is to be built by Man Gang.—He'll probably engage a gang of women to help him.

For the theft of a blue cotton jacket a Chinese has been sent to jail for four months.—Lucky for him it wasn't a Red cotton jacket.

"We would like to give a list, but we are afraid that even if we put everybody's name down we should be sure to miss a few."—Welsh paper.

Talking pictures are causing foreigners to learn "English." If this sort of thing continues British people will have to learn American instead of "parlez-vous."

"For Sale.—Two-seater with dicky seat. Completely overhauled bumpers, rear view mirror, etc., worth consideration."—That announcement could have done with a little consideration.

This Week's Great Thought—"Growers of chrysanthemums, whether required for exhibition or home use, should now be given their final potting."—"Reynolds's News-paper."

While a bride was dressing for her wedding, she received a telegram from the groom. "Please cancel arrangements." This is the sort of thing that makes bridegroom-catching still easily the most popular sport with women.

The coming cricket interport match is not without its "trials."

There appear to be a great many affronts on the Chinese war fronts.

Flying is said to be safer than motorizing. Aviators certainly don't land in Court so often.

Overheard on the Ferry.—"Sorry, old man, there's only one person I lend money to, and that's the wife."

The boys' swimming championship of the Colony has been won by John Green.—Evidently no green-horn!

"Typist to Marry Employer," says a contemporary. Who says women are not successful in business?

Water waves are the new craze at Home. There would be a lack of the first out here during the Great Drought.

"Scots Joiners Divided." It is announced. Joiners—should know better than any other trade how to avoid a split.

"Thirty days for a bite" reads a heading to a police court case. That's nothing, says a hardened angler, who has often waited longer.

A young man who married a woman of 84 says he does not like the modern girl. We deplore these people who create widespread jealousy.

In the Spy Royal contest the K.B.G.C. were scarcely as sound as a Bell when they were beaten by the Civil Service Cricket Club's Brawn & Co.

According to a newspaper report there was a "Popular Ladies' Race" at the V.R.C. last Saturday night.—A very popular event it must have been!

"The cricketers want all the light they can get" at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground.—Light on who'll be selected for the interport matches.

In spite of it being the beginning of the cool season Sunghwa won a race at Happy Valley last Saturday. And Mr. Frost had the mount on the third pony.

Note that a lady had her handbag containing \$50 in notes and other trifles stolen at the Central Market.—We could do with these "other trifles."

The Government bathing beaches are to be closed at 7 p.m. on October 31.—Any one caught in the water after that hour presumably will have to stay in.

The Kowloon Magistrate described it as "a cool sort of theft going into people's gardens and pulling out vegetables."—Rather warm for those not used to it!

Our cosmopolitan Courts: "Colonel summoned, clergyman cautioned, Naval officer fined."—What about a journalist, a teacher, and a lawyer in the next list of traffic cases?

Curious to see the racecourse at Happy Valley described as the Jockey Club's "compound."—Probably where the punters look for compound interest on their investments on the tote.

Men have been arrested in British Columbia for parading the streets while partially clad.—That's where the women have the better of us; they can do it now without fear of even being commented on.

According to an authority, Macbeth wore tartan, but never wore the kilt.—Which can be explained by the fact that gentlemen were not so particular about the colour scheme of their braces in those days.

Shaw says that if Shakespeare had seen the Modern Urban District Council he would have written much more interesting plays. He then perhaps would have known what it was to encounter Life in the Raw.

On the subject, but that by reason of the absence of definitions the bases of calculations for these returns is that the totals of imports and exports are indicated on the cover both in dollars and sterling.

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19	6.21	6.55
20	6.21	6.54
21	6.22	6.54
22	6.22	6.53
23	6.23	6.52
24	6.24	6.52
25	6.24	6.51
26	6.25	6.50
27	6.25	6.50
28	6.25	6.49
29	6.25	6.48
30	6.26	6.48
31	6.27	6.47

NOTICES.

NOTICE.

MR. SVERRE BERG having resigned from his position as Norwegian Consul at Hong Kong, the Consulate has THIS DAY temporarily been taken over by Mr. KARSTEN LARSEN, as acting Consul for Norway, address 67-69, Des Voeux Road Central.

SVERRE BERG
KARSTEN LARSEN.
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Richard Curry, s.s. "Guoam," from Kobe.

T. P. Tai-long, Shangwan, from Kobe.

F. E. A. WORSOE,

Acting Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 17th Oct., 1923.

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S. LACK,

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**PROSPECT AND RETROSPECT
10 YEARS LIFE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS**

[By the Right Honourable the Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, K.C.]

Geneva, September 7.

As we gathered (last Saturday)

to lay the foundation stone for a

permanent Headquarters of the

League of Nations, it was impossible

not to recall the crowded and busy

days of discussion at the Conference

of Paris and the sittings of the

Committee charged with the drafting

of the Covenant and the final

adoption of its proposals by the

Conference. Several of my old col-

leagues of the Covenant Committee

—M. Venizelos, once more holding

the reins of power in Greece; General

Smuts, to whom the Covenant

owes so much; M. Hymans, Minister

of Foreign Affairs in Belgium; Signor

Schulja of Italy—live to see, and I hope take courage,

from the outcome of their labours. I

could have wished that Wendrow

Wilson, whose courage and deter-

mination made the League possible,

and Leon Bourgeois, who brought

the critical acuteness and logical

spirit of France to the building of it,

could have lived to share our

gratitude for all that the recent

ceremony has symbolised. For behind

this removal of the centre of our

new international community from

the inadequate shelter of a

cosmopolitan hotel and a second rate

concert hall to a dignified and abiding

home lie a great truth and a great

hope. The truth is that the

League of Nations has become, in-

stead of a frail experiment, an in-

dispensable organ of co-operation

for the great part of the Govern-

ments of the world. The hope is

that acceptance of this truth will

soon be strong enough among the

peoples of the world to oblige their

Governments to put aside the costly

and hate-provoking implements of

conflict, that survive from an age

of armed rivalry and are now so

flagrantly inconsistent with the co-

operation centred in Geneva which

increases yearly in effectiveness.

Then and then only shall we see a

League strong enough to stifle any

outbreak of lawless violence, how-

ever formidable the aggressor.

Herein lies the chief task of the

decade before us: but, before look-

ing ahead, it is fitting that we

should take stock of the present

situation and recall the progress of

the League of Nations during the

ten years that are past.

A Period of Disillusionment

Public opinion upon the League of

Nations in many countries still lags

behind reality. The League as it

lives and works to-day is something

very different from the compara-

tively impotent organisation, still

overshadowed by remains of the

great Allied machine of war, which

groped its way into European life

nine or ten years ago. Yet it is, I

find, still by the standards of 1921

or 1922, if not of 1919, that vast

numbers of people judge the multi-

farious activities of the League to-

day. This is perhaps due to the

profound disillusionment produced

in the public mind by the disastrous

political and economic consequences

of the war and the inability of the

new League, in which so many hopes

had been reposed, to put the world

quickly to rights. The refusal of

the United States of America in

March 1920 to ratify the Peace

Treaty or to enter the League seem-

ed, in the eyes of many, to be a

death blow to the new institution.

Some religious leaders, though by

no means all of them, already re-

luctant to commit themselves to the

support of the League, were less

than ever disposed to entangle

eternal verities with what seemed

experiment. Very few of the great

newspapers of Europe or America

likely to be an ephemeral political

either troubled to have special re-

presentatives to follow the League's

work or were able to resist in their

editorial columns the prevailing

cynicism or pessimism concerning

its future. Hardly anywhere

among the peoples of the defeated

Powers were any voices to be heard

in favour of an institution vitiated,

as was commonly believed, by the

domination of their victorious

enemies. Those who remained

steadfast in their belief in a great

future for the League of Nations

were described as a matter of

course as impractical idealists

with their heads in the clouds.

Contact With Reality.

Three factors, I believe, have

particularly contributed to estab-

lishing the prestige of the League

after so troubled an infancy—the

calibre of the Secretariat; the early

and successful encounters of the

League with the political realities

of a ruined Continent; and the

establishment of contact between

the League and public opinion.

Upon this latter point I am con-

vinced that the voluntary League

of Nations Societies now at work

in forty different countries have

rendered the League an inestimable

service.

A Happy Surprise

The competence and integrity of

the international civil service as-

sembled by Sir Eric Drummond at

the Secretariat and by M. Albert

Thomas at the International Labour

Office was one of the happy sur-

prises of post-war Europe. Herein

the crises were quickly confound-

ed. For instead of a babel of

officials each intriguing on behalf

of his own Government—which was

freely prophesied—the world woke

up to find a body of expert men

and women of forty nationalities

working strenuously and smoothly

for a common end. By deeds more

eloquent than words the League's

staff have made it clear that the

organized community of nations is

an ideal worth living for and—as

shown by the self-sacrifice of those

who gave their lives to save Europe

from typhus and cholera in 1920—

worth dying for. It would be

difficult to exaggerate what the

world owes to the Secretary-General

himself and to the system of con-

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DEVELOPMENTS IN NAVIGATION CLYDE CHANGES

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At the annual dinner of the Clyde Navigation Trust special references were made to the coming retirement of Sir William H. Rieburn, Bart, the chairman.

Among the speakers was the Right Hon. William Adamson, Secretary of State for Scotland, who appealed for the support of business men in the great task of reorganising the industry and commerce of the country, so that the necessary changes might be made and prosperity restored.

After the loyal toasts the first was that of "His Majesty's Ministers," proposed by Sir Robert Stewart. Much was being said, Sir Robert stated, about the industries which were moving south, but now it was a case of the English coming north, and soon it would be the old Macgregor cry of "Landless" in the north. The fact that some of the Scottish industries had gone across the Border was to be deplored, because so far as the industrial classes were concerned there were no better workmen than those of the Clyde. (Applause). The Right Hon. Wm. Adamson, replying, said the task which lay to the hand of His Majesty's Ministers was a very difficult one and they would need all the encouragement and help which it was possible for a gathering such as that to give them.

There was a part of the work of the Government that was of special interest to Scotland and the Scottish people. In no part of the British Empire had the effects of the war left problems of greater complexity than it had left in Scotland. Although the figures of emigration per head of the population were three times higher for Scotland than for any other part of the United Kingdom, there was still a higher percentage of unemployed in Scotland of men and women than in any other part of Great Britain. These were facts which provided all of them with food for thought.

The Economic Standpoint
The task of reorganising the economic life of the country and putting it on a sounder basis was of vital interest to all of those present, whether the position was examined from the point of view of shipbuilding, iron and steel, coal mining, agriculture, or fishing, which were their staple industries. Whether the reorganisation meant change in methods of production, or marketing produce, in transport, or changes in international business relations, they could not stop short of making these changes in the economic life of the people.

The Government, and particularly those of them who were responsible for the administration of Scottish affairs, had all these things in view, and it would be their constant endeavour to make the necessary changes step by step.

Sir Robert Bruce, LL.D., proposing the toast of "The Clyde Trust," said:—In one of his expansive moods John Burns described the Thames as "liquid history." What else but history was the Clyde? Was it not a scroll upon which was written the story of Scotland's rise to industrial and commercial power? Take as its chapters the developments in its navigation, and correlate these with the country's state. Just a little over 100 years ago the dredging was done by ploughs and harrows. No vessel of any size could enter the estuary than Greenock and Port-Glasgow. Cargoes were then discharged into lighters which were sailed, rowed, or poled up to Rangoon, and then drawn to the Broomfield wharf by man or horse. That was typical of Scotland of the day.

And so with each succeeding chapter. Upon the scroll had been written decade after decade an epitome of the country's progress—aye, and of the country's peril, for the Clyde had had its epic chapters punctuated in every line with the clang of hammers upon great ships of war. And "Finis" was not yet. The scroll as it lay open read: "To be continued." He had spoken of the Trust's robust faith. It was a faith born of the conviction that soon there would be added other chapters, another epic punctuated with the clang of myriad hammers of peace. (Applause).

Distinguished Chairman

To one man had been given the privilege of writing much in the chapters covering four decades, the most stirring decades in the scroll. He referred to their distinguished chairman, Sir William Rieburn, had been a member of the Trust. He told them the other day that he alone survived of all those who sat with him in 1887. He also told them that he had now decided to retire. Put as it was his resignation had to be accepted. But they could discover no adequate reason for such a decision. (Hear, hear). In physical, in outlook in temperament he ranked with the youngest amongst them. If there was any difference between him and many of them, it was in his large endowment of sagacity. (Laughter). But since when had that been an excuse for an ageing hand? (Laughter and applause).

They could only acquiesce, and in the act pay tribute to services he had able as any ever rendered by a busy man of affairs to this great community. Those services had written his name indelibly upon that other scroll which bore the record of Glasgow's benefactors. They offered him the City thanks, thanks for all that he had done to achieve in the public interest, thanks for the example he had given of a lofty discharge of the obligations of civic duty, and they made acknowledgments as they took leave of him as chairman of the Trust. (Applause). Might he be so good as wish them good night, and with increased satisfaction, the property of the Trust which he

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now gave as the toast of the evening, coupling with it Sir William's name. (Loud applause).

The Future of the Docks

Sir William Rieburn, replying, said that five years ago their inspection was directed to the site of the first basin of the Shieldhall Dock, which they had visited that day. They met at the Elderslie Mansion House, and were shown plans of the proposed dock, and the ground was marked off by a series of flags showing the proposed length and width of the dock. In the following year they saw a great difference, though only a faint idea of what the construction of such a dock entailed.

Year by year they had seen the progress, till that day they had witnessed the completion of the dock itself, and a considerable portion of the sheds on the east side. Then they got a fair idea of the wonderful addition to the width of the river near the dock entrance, and new river tide quay well. He had hoped the formal opening of the basin would happen before his chairmanship of the Trust came to an end, but to all intents and purposes the aim and ambition he had for years—to see the most important addition ever made to the harbour—had been realised.

Basin No. 1 was but a portion of the whole Shieldhall scheme. It would be necessary and expedient to proceed further remained to be seen, and though it might be a temptation to go on to the next basin while evidently the Government was prepared to give substantial help in the way of money, he had no hesitation in saying that it would be folly for the Trust to add further to the harbour and increase their heavy financial burden when there was no prospect for years to come that such accommodation would be used.

The population of Glasgow and the West of Scotland of all the areas which could provide traffic for the port of Glasgow—was not likely to increase by leaps and bounds, nor would trade likely to make such phenomenal expansion as to require them to add miles to their quays, which, when the new dock was open, would be more than enough. But be that as it might, the ground was there, the plans were there, and a few years would suffice to complete the work.

If the Trust were able to face the initial cost and subsequent burden he should like to see another dry dock—a dock capable of taking the largest ship afloat. The Trust would mean an enormous capital outlay, but some day it would have to be faced.

There were several schemes of less magnitude which he thought it would be advisable to proceed with. The time was opportune for the Government was asking dock and harbour authorities to see what they could do to lessen unemployment and show a disposition to afford considerable monetary assistance. Of course, they could not have the proved that the proposed work was really justifiable and necessary. That, it was sure, they could, and the matter was now receiving the close attention of the Trustees.

Vast Changes Since 1887

He could not expect anyone to feel, as he did, an intense interest in the changes since 1887—the year he entered the Trust. Although it might appear strange, it was a fact that the citizens of Glasgow had little knowledge of the work or history of their port. The care and administration of the river and docks entailed immense responsibility on the Trust, and he claimed that these had accomplished their task with credit and success. But there could be no standing still.

Much had already been done, but demands were increasing, and he was sure that the same spirit of enterprise and courage and foresight that the authority had given proof of up till now would not be wanting in the years to come. He meant to retire from the Trust some years ago, but he considered the idea that as the Government were offering to help dock authorities to undertake new work, they should make a start with the Shieldhall scheme, and when that project was launched he felt a strong inclination to see the task accomplished and then there came the certainty that they would have to go to Parliament for a new schedule of rates. He then made up his mind to see these two undertakings through, and now that the tasks were finished he gave a rest for the closing years of his life. (Applause).

It was not often he got an opportunity of facing such an assemblage of their constituents as that. Every trade in the port was represented, and it was a privilege to be granted a word about the Bill for which they had such a strenuous fight in Parliament last summer. In some quarters he was told that he had fallen from grace, and regret had been expressed that he had not been able to appreciate the case of his own trade—shipbuilding.

He was sorry if he had lost favour among his fellows, but somehow he did not believe he had. He had devoted years of his life to shipping interests, but when a shipowner became chairman of a dock authority he had, if he was fair-minded and just, to consider every class of shipowner. Now that the Bill was in operation he hoped it would prove a heavy burden to any. The schedule was a just and reasonable one, and the new powers would be used with fairness and discretion.

Wonderful Progress

Mr. Norman L. Hird, who proposed "Shipping, Shipbuilding and Commercial Interests," dealt with the development of the Clyde in the Clyde. Since the eighteenth century, he said, what trade with America—tobacco and sugar gave Glasgow its real start. The progress made had been wonderful. Although never in the service of the Clyde, he admitted any individual owner, shipowner, or period, had been a very profitable business. It called for sound knowledge and ripe judgment, and

at no time were these two qualities more necessary than to-day, when taking one item alone, labour conditions at foreign ports, not excluding Colonial ones, might make all the difference between a profit and a loss on a voyage.

Turning to the subject of shipbuilding, Mr. Hird said that so great was the progress there that, in 1913, the output on the Clyde was larger than that of any foreign country, and it constituted one-third of the new British tonnage for that year and one-half of its engine power. Since the war times had been difficult, and the world had, for the present, too many shipbuilding facilities. The rule of the survival of the fittest worked slowly in this country, but until there was some arrangement or elimination the financial recovery of the industry as a whole would be slow.

While much excellent work was being done on the Clyde, and the tonnage this year looked like reaching high figures, prices received for new tonnage were still inadequate. The shipbuilder was at a great disadvantage compared with the shipowner. The capital of the former was fixed, and it was one of the least-easily realisable of assets. The shipowner on the other hand, moved his capital to that part of the world where, normally, the highest rate of employment was to be found. If he wanted to realise his assets, he had some one in the large international shipping world as a potential buyer.

Shipbuilding Difficulties

Mr. S. R. Beale, president of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, in replying, referred to a remark by Mr. Adamson that he was surprised at the amount of work going on in yards on the Clyde, and pointed out that shipyards full of work taken at an unprofitable figure, did not represent a healthy state of affairs. As shipbuilding must depend on shipping, so the problems of one person reacted on the demand that the other received for his products; and they were all too conscious in this part of the world that the demand for ships and the prices obtainable for them were not what they should be.

Many of the great firms there and elsewhere were highly specialised to the production of naval requirements. While, probably, none of them had anything but approval for the efforts of various British Governments towards world peace, and while they recognised that, to achieve this end, as well as from motives of economy, it was unlikely that the production of naval armaments would ever return to the normal pre-war level, it was to ignore the fact that the result of this condition, entirely outside their control, had had a very great deal to do with the continued depression in the shipyards, and the consequent unhappy persistence of a high level of British unemployment in districts such as that where shipbuilding was a predominant industry.

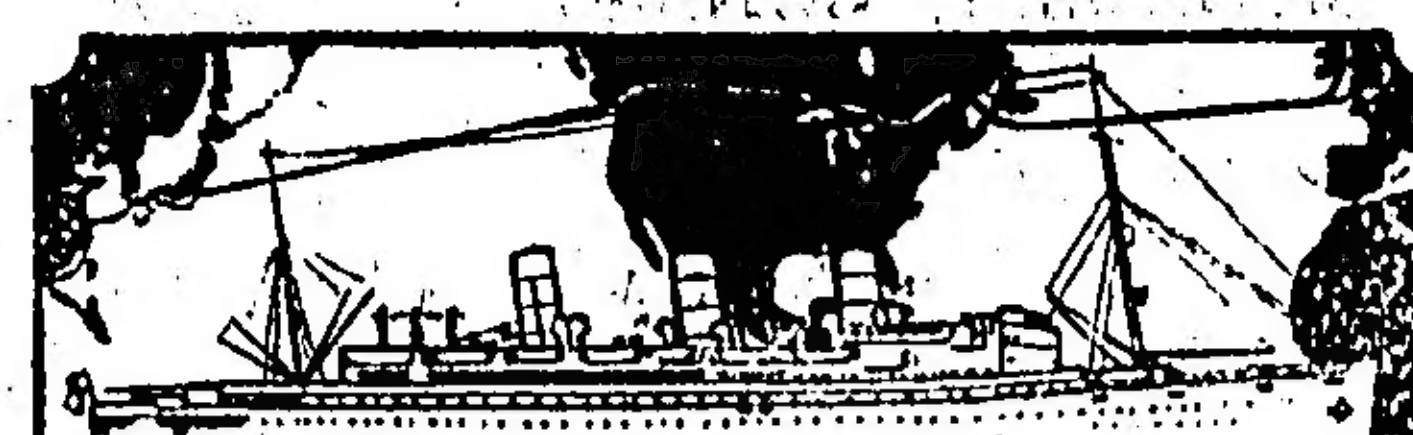
Whether it was of any real national advantage or not, continued Mr. Beale, for the vessel which held the cross Atlantic speed record to be British construction and ownership, he did not know; but he did know that many shared with him the hope that some great British firm of shipbuilders might give a great British firm of shipbuilders the opportunity of regaining the record for this country; and, should this opportunity be given, they all sincerely hoped the lot would fall on one of their Clyde yards. (Applause).

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*LAHORE	5,334	11th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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KHYBER	9,124	21st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MALWA	10,980	23rd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	26th Nov.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	16,668	7th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*JEYPORE	5,318	9th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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THRILLS FOR THE SCIENTIST

New Observatory—the eighteenth century setting for twentieth century scientific research—was the scene recently of an inspection by meteorologists from all parts of the Empire of the most modern methods for probing the secrets of the atmosphere. These were explained by Dr. F. J. W. Whipple, the Superintendent of the Observatory. The exploration—by means of gunfire air-waves—of air strata at a height of forty miles, holds for the scientist as great a thrill as the penetration of the Amazon jungle by the traveller.

Heat of the Air
Dr. Whipple explained how, by means of gunfire from selected points at varying distances from the Observatory such as Woolwich, Shoeburyness, and Birmingham, the velocity and trajectory of the air waves thus set up can be made to record their progress on a photographic film, thus enabling a graph to be made. Since sound travels more quickly through atmospheres at ascending temperatures and vice versa, it is possible to conjecture how hot the air is at the highest point of the trajectory.

"By means of observing balloons with temperature, pressure, and humidity recording instruments attached to them, we have been able to ascertain the temperatures of the air at a height of about 14 miles," added Dr. Whipple.

Would Boil an Egg
"Unfortunately we cannot get the balloons any higher. The temperature at that height is roughly about minus 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Now comes the curious thing. The gunfire experiments all point to the probability of the atmosphere's becoming warmer at greater heights, and in all likelihood, when we reach a height of between 30 and 40 miles, the temperature is high enough to boil an egg."

Visitors watched with the greatest interest the sending up of an experimental balloon with recording instruments by Mr. L. H. G. Dines, the scientist in charge of this branch of research, and the son of Professor W. H. Dines, inventor of the Dines Meteorograph—as the apparatus for air exploration is called.

Prevent Damage
The aneroid instruments, with two sharp metal points which scratch their tell-tale lines on a tiny silver-plated sheet, as pressure and temperature react upon them, are encased in an aluminium cylinder, encased in rigid inside a parachute framework to break the fall and prevent damage.

An official label attached to the balloon offers the finder £5 reward for returning the apparatus to the Observatory. So small are the metal plates on which the record is taken that they can only be read by placing them under a strong microscope lens and the necessary graphs are drawn by this method.

The immediate object of these researches is to discover how the atmosphere behaves. "Even yet we do not understand exactly how the weather processes really take place," said Dr. Dines.

The ultimate reason has not yet

SEA MORALS

DRUG TRAFFIC AND A MASTER'S DUTY

The conviction of the master of the "Hong Kong" under the Sea Customs Act in Rangoon following the discovery of 23 lb. of opium, of contraband on the ship in April has been set aside by the Central Board of Revenue at Simla.

The Officiating Collector of Customs in finding the captain £1,000 and ordering the forfeiture of the opium, held that the master of the vessel is expected to take special preventive measures to ensure against the concealment of contraband on board.

Ingenious Methods
The ingenious and elaborate manner in which the opium was concealed in the hold of the vessel in different parts of the vessel without being observed by some reasonable officers of the ship makes it clear that all precautions which a master is rightly expected to take were not taken.

"It is the neglect of this duty which in my opinion facilitated the smuggling of the opium, and for which I hold the master responsible unless the persons or persons immediately concerned are exposed."

There were several grounds of appeal—that the opium was concealed in an ingenious and elaborate manner and could only have been the work of experienced smugglers; that there are only two officers employed on the "Hong Kong" and it is not possible to have more than one officer on duty at any time; that it is obviously impossible for the officer whose duty it is to supervise loading and discharging of cargo to keep watch on every part of the ship; that the steamer carries as many as 3,000 passengers and it was quite possible that some of them brought contraband into the ship with their luggage and concealed it in the ship during the voyage; that the monopoly for the sale of opium, employs special searchers to search vessels leaving for Rangoon; that if it was possible for smugglers to evade those searchers it would be manifestly unjust to hold the master responsible for negligence because he failed to detect the opium.

No Evidence
The Board held that the clause of

the Act under which proceedings were taken could only involve a person who by deliberate act or connivance had contributed to the offence and there was nothing to show that the appellant was so involved.

After referring to the fact that the vessel was runnag in Singapore and Penang the Board said it should not be inferred that the duty of search exhausted the obligations that lie upon a master before he can certify that the manifest is correct to the best of his knowledge.

Effective Watch
The Collector of Customs rightly pointed out that in the case of vessels likely to be used by smugglers the Master should also have an effective watch maintained to prevent the shipment of contraband and adequate supervision over the movements of the crew on board. The enquiry on this point is incomplete. It has not been established that the watch or supervision was kept or that such watch or supervision as may have been kept was inadequate.

The experience of Customs officers shows that the best of watches can be evaded by determined smugglers.

The Collector merely infers that there was a deficiency in this respect from the fact that responsible officers failed to observe the concealment of the contraband, part of which was concealed in the ceiling of the pantry and part in the tunnel airshaft.

The Board cannot agree that this inference is justified. It follows that it is not proved that the Master failed to take measures that were sufficient to justify his making the declaration

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MARINE ENGINES

PULVERIZED TEMPERATURE CARBONISATION

COAL DUST

With regard to the possibilities for marine work of pulverized low temperature fuel, we are now rapidly approaching the stage when such material will be available for bulk supply. In this connection attention may be drawn to the "K.S.G." plant at New Jersey, which started up last March. It is the largest low temperature carbonization plant so far set to work, having a throughput of 820-720 tons of bituminous coal dust and smalls per 24 hours.

It is being operated by the International Combustion Engineering Corporation, associated with Coal Oil Extraction, Limited, of London, supplying, on long contract, a minimum of 3,000,000 cub. ft. of town gas per twenty-four hours, 556 B.T.U. per cubic foot, to the Public Service Electric and Gas Company, of New Jersey.

Large Rotary
The installation includes eight standard rotors constructed by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Each of these is a very large rotary, slightly inclined, mechanically continuous, externally heated steel cylinder 72-in. long and 10-ft. dia., having an inner cylinder 35-in. long and 5-ft. 6-in. dia., which carries the load.

The complete weight of each rotor is about 160 tons, the outer drums being made in three sections. The two end portions are ¼-in. thick, and the middle section 1-in. thick, with all the seams hammer-welded water-gas heating and annealed.

Each seam is also reinforced by means of outer steel bands 2-ft. wide and 13/16-in. thick, riveted and welded, while the inner drum is on the same lines, but much heavier, made of 3/16-in. plate. The small coal enters the rotor at one end and travels along the inner cylinder during 1½ hours, being raised to a temperature of 400 deg. to 570 deg. Fahr. (205-300 deg. Cent.).

Afterwards the charge falls out through small apertures into the outer cylinder, which is the hottest zone, about 925-1,025 deg. Fahr. (495-550 deg. Cent.), and at the same time high superheated steam at 2470-5,000 deg. Fahr. is blown through the charge to this point, to the extent of about 100-200 lb. per ton of coal, so as to prevent undue expansion of the plastic charge.

Fuel Dust
The low temperature carbonization is completed in another 1 to 1½ hours' travel in the outer cylinder, the temperature slowly declining to about 800-900 deg. Fahr. (430-485 deg. Cent.) while the speed is one revolution in 90 sec. A certain amount of the low temperature fuel dust and breeze, about 10 per cent., is blended with the raw coal to prevent the plastic charge sticking, while for heating the setting producer gas is burnt in a small firebrick combustion chamber, and the very hot gases at 2,470-5,000 deg. Fahr. (1,350-2,700 deg. Cent.) dilute the gas, but 50 per cent. of the waste combustion gases re-circulated to give approximately 1,100-1,250 deg. Fahr. (600-700 deg. Cent.), passed all round the rotor.

Water Gas
The installation at New Jersey includes a large water gas equipment which is used to supply blue water gas, this being mixed with the rich low temperature carbonization gas to give the minimum of 3,000,000 cub. ft. as stated. In emergency, however, the water gas plant can be operated as a carburetting installation so as to produce all the desired amount of town gas direct.

Further, the average yield per ton of pulverized low temperature carbonization coal smalls used is about 3,000 cub. ft. of very rich gas (800 B.T.U. per cub. ft.), 4 gals. of crude light oil, 30-33 gals. of tar, and 14½ cwt. (72 per cent.) of solid smokeless fuel with 12 per cent. volatile matter.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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having arrived. Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

LLOYD ROYAL BELGE SA.

FROM ANTWERP.

The Steamship, "BOLIVIER"

having arrived. Consignees of cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 24th October, 1929, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before 31st October, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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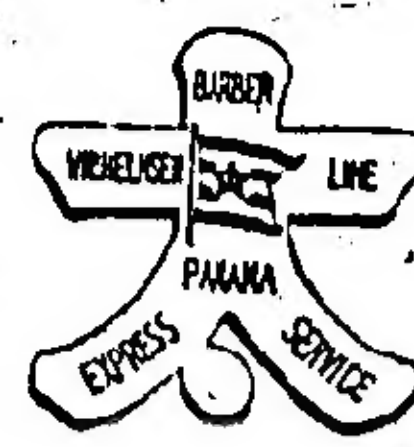
No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before the 28th November, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 24th inst. at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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EASTERN PORTS

DETAILS OF HEALTH BULLETIN

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended October 12, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases:—

Plague: Alexandria: 3 cases, 1 death.

Bahagat: 1 case.

Rangoon: 2 deaths.

Colombo: 1 case.

Saigon: 1 case, 1 death.

Cholera: Calcutta: 15 deaths.

Tuticorin: 6 cases, 5 deaths.

From Port: 16 cases, 11 deaths.

Swatow: 6 deaths.

Small-pox: Berbera: 1 case.

Alexandria: 1 case.

Bombay: 5 cases, 3 deaths.

Cebu: 2 cases, 2 deaths.

Cochin: 2 cases.

Madras: 12 cases, 1 death.

Moulmein: 1 case, 1 death.

Rangoon: 1 case.

Batavia: 2 cases.

Samarinda: 6 cases, 1 death.

According to a message from Calgary the manager of the Prince of Wales's Canadian ranch denies a report emanating from London, that operations were to commence with prospects of finding valuable oilfields. In any event mineral rights were reserved by the Federal Government on all Crown lands leased or sold in the Province of Alberta.

HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-gauging Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the "reading" of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kowloon tide-gauging station under the direction of Dr. Dobson during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kowloon; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

October 19 to 25, 1929.

DATE HIGH WATER LOWER WATER.

October Standard Time Ht. Standard Time Ht.

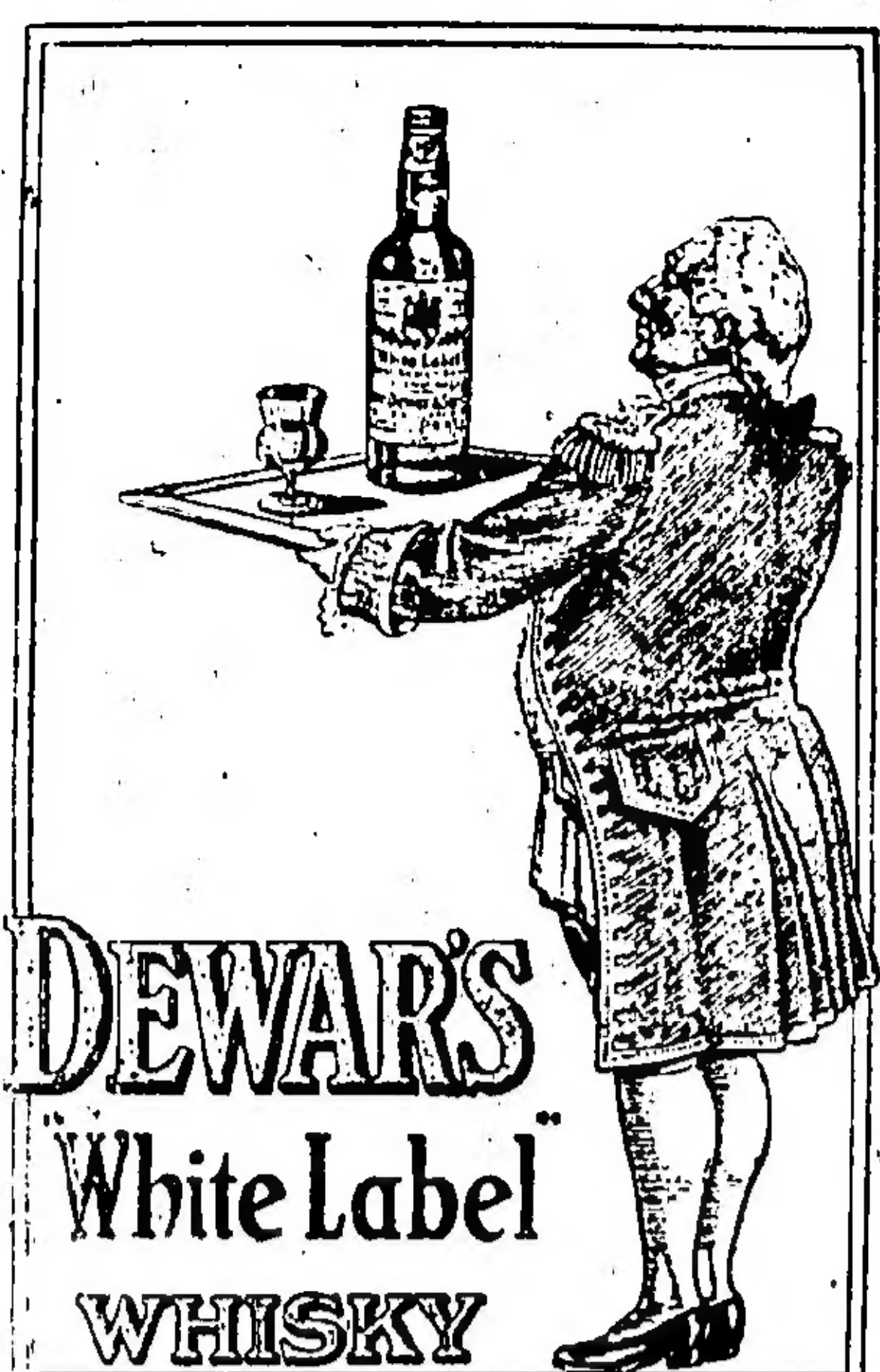
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Sun. 20 m 9 38 0.4 m 3 48 2.7

Mon. 21 m 10 38 8.3 m 4 13 1.6

Tues. 22 m 11 33 6.8 m 5 11 1.4

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STILL WATERS

So often are we
told that "in the
multitude of
counsel there is wisdom" that we
are prone to believe it until we
are up against the ticklish cur-
rency problem. Then we do a
mental volte face and become more
attracted to that other old adage
about doctors disagreeing.

During the past ten days or so the
financial folk of the Colony seem
to be about as unanimous about
this dollar exchange business as
a crowd of Kilkenny cats. What
has contributed to the fall in the
value of the dollar? What is the
effect on trade? Why should it
be 1/9—why not 1/8, 1/6, or any
other old figure? And if the
trend of the moment seems to be
in the direction of a theoretical
fixing of the dollar (so far as it
is possible in relation to the
silver market) why not 2/- or
2/4 as in the Straits Settlements?
Is the downward movement nat-
ural or is there likely to be an-
other sudden fluctuation in the
not distant future? These
queries are on the lips of all con-
nected with the commercial life
of the Colony, and yet no really
satisfactory—and satisfying—
answer is forthcoming from any
source that can be regarded as
beyond the realm of criticism.
And, bound up inevitably are
questions of the higher cost of
living and the loss to those who
are paid weekly or monthly on a
staple basis. The sanest thing
for moneylenders to do is to leave
the experts to fight it out among
themselves and to face the present
position with the highest
degree of optimism possible.
"Gold goes up one day, silver
goes down the next," is the old
saw.

Few will gainsay
Cruelty to the good work
Animals being done by the
Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,
the scope of whose work could
easily be increased were funds
available. As the President has
pointed out in a letter to the
"China Mail" "what is needed is
a permanent endowment, but
until a generous benefactor ap-
pears the Society relies on the in-
creasing generosity of the public
and the power of the Press to
educate public opinion in the
matter. Kindness to dumb
animals is one of the cardinal
virtues which, most unfortunat-
ly, is not inherent in all of us.
As in other Oriental cities the
masses are usually passive and
indifferent to any efforts made to
teach them to be kind to animals.
In some of them it is to be feared
that there is a wanton instinct to
practise cruelty. In numerous
cases in the Police Courts they
content themselves with pleading
"ignorance" of local laws, and in
an equal number of other cases
they excuse their cruelty by say-
ing that they have just "come
from the country." In
other places there are honorary
inspectors who supplement the
useful work done by the Society's
paid officials, and there seems no

reason why such should not be
appointed in this Colony. It
should not be difficult to obtain
volunteers for this work in vari-
ous districts, for the cause is a
most praiseworthy one. Mean-
while, however, 'tis to be hoped
that the appeal being made to
the public for funds will meet
with the response it undoubtedly
deserves.

After the fore-
Volunteer going par.
Workers was in type a
reader sends this in
for this column:—There is much
to commend the suggestion made
by a correspondent in the "China
Mail" yesterday. There is no
doubt that we all have an inher-
ent love for animals, and if there
is anything we can do to prevent
them from unnecessary suffer-
ings, we shall only be too glad
to do so. By the same token, we
feel that there are many ladies
and gentlemen who will offer their
services if requested. Although
volunteer workers may not
achieve as much as a paid in-
spector, yet their services will be
inestimable. The local Society
for the Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals cannot do better than to
enlist the services of a few ladies
and gentlemen, and invest them
with the necessary power to make
arrests if the occasion should
arise. Their task will, of
course, be more on the education-
al line, and in this, we think, they
can do more than the paid ser-
vants of the Society. Those who
are apt to be unkind to dumb
animals mostly belong to the un-
educated class of Chinese, and
this type of person will no doubt
take more kindly to a volunteer
worker than to the inspectors of
the S.P.C.A., whom they look
upon as "Pung Pan."

Our local Police
Help from Magistrates can
the Courts do much to help
to further the
good work of the Society.
In Shanghai whenever a person is
brought before the Mixed Court
(before its rendition) on a charge
of cruelty to animals, the fines im-
posed in such cases were always
directed to go toward the funds
of the Society. We are not aware
whether here in this Colony a
Magistrate is empowered to make
such an order; if not, then it is
time that the Ordinance is amend-
ed. We must bear in mind that
the work of the S.P.C.A. is a
"labour of love" and to carry out
this good work, money is needed.
The Society cannot be expected
to depend always on the gen-
erosity of the public. They help
the Police in bringing this type of
offenders to book, and, in fair-
ness, all fines imposed in such
cases should go toward the funds
of the Society.

MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

Royal Golfers: Education in China: Typhoid Danger: Merry and Grave:

Some Royal Golfers

Who is the best golfer among the
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belongs unquestionably to Prince
Leopold, son and heir of the King
of the Belgians.

Prince Leopold is rated as a 4-
handicap player. He is an excep-
tionally long driver, and is show-
ing his normal form when he goes
round the course of the Royal Golf
Club of Belgium at Brussels (as
often he does) in scores of 78 and
79.

He is very keen and likes to take
the professional out for matches on
various courses. They rally forth
unattended on these missions,
the Prince driving the car, with
the professional as his only passen-
ger.

The Backwardness of China
The Chinese Government is back-
ing up modern education, establish-
ing schools and colleges of all grades,
while the attitude toward Western cul-
ture and Western learning has all
changed. It is like the opening up of
the windows of China to the rest of
the world. China has been isolated so
long that she needs to know what the
rest of the world has learnt in advance
of her.

This scheme was made at a
recent Rotary Club meeting in Henc-
ton by Dr. F. L. Banks, P.M., who
has been connected with St. John's
University in Shanghai for 41 years.
The typhoid danger
The typhoid fever situation in
Henc-ton is becoming more and more
serious. The Chinese Government has
been slow to take the necessary
steps for the extermination of the
disease. The total of
typhoid patients registered in the Henc-

ton city hospital on September 20
reached 45, the Philippine General
Hospital having the biggest number
of cases with 22 in the typhoid ward.
It was previously announced that
the danger of typhoid and like contagious
diseases, resulting from the recent
water crisis, would become apparent
at the end of the stage of disease
germ incubation, which is about this
time.

Enemies of Flowers
Edelweiss, the famous Swiss moun-
tain flower, is threatened with extinc-
tion, due chiefly to the ravages of
tourists. Several Alpine regions where
the plant formerly flourished have
reported that it is now very rare.
Edelweiss does not spread rapidly,
even under normal conditions.
Bavarian botanist estimated recently
that in a certain mountain area there
were 28,000 roots of edelweiss in
1920. At the end of 1928, he said, only
600 remained. German tourists are
said to be the worst enemies of the
flower. They pull up the plant by the
roots, hoping to transplant it home.

Mr. George Graves's Return
Those who from time to time com-
plain of the dearth of British com-
edians have probably wondered why the
late year's "comedy" has been seen
of Mr. George Graves, who in the days
of "The Merry Widow" and other
musical comedies had a large section
of London at his feet.
The general rumor has been that
Mr. Graves, having acquired "a
modest but comfortable competence,"
had retired while still young, anxious
to enjoy it and rumour would not be
altogether wrong.
But he is returning to the stage,
and a very long absence in a com-
edy, the only part of which was
originally played by the late Alfred
Lester.

The methods of the two men are
widely different, and there is no point
in comparing them. But Mr. Graves,
who is a fine character actor as well
as a comedian, will be very welcome
again, with his amusing voice, his
witty asides, and his general air of
the sophisticated vieux marcheur.

"Father O'Flynn"
John Woodcock Graves was a direct
ancestor of A. P. Graves, the 83-year-
old author of "Father O'Flynn" and
the co-ordinator in 1904 of games for
children in elementary schools, without
which the National Playing Fields
movement would never have come into
existence.

Recently the marriage of another
Mr. A. P. Graves was announced. He
is an attaché at our Embassy in
Berlin, and the British Ambassador,
Sir Horace Rumbold, was present at
his wedding to Burggräfin Marie Louise
du Dohna.

It is a coincidence that the older Mr.
A. P. Graves also married a German,
the daughter of Heinrich Ritter von
Ranke. Anglo-German marriages are
far less common than those between
the English and French, though one
hears that numbers of our troops in
the occupied areas have married Ger-
man women.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two cases of enteric fever—one
British and one Chinese—were
notified yesterday.

Colombo, Yesterday.—The steam-
er "Lauterfels" has been towed
off, and is proceeding to Colombo,
under own steam.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.—The R.101
re-moored at Cardington after a
successful six hours' flight.—Reu-
ter.

An order is published in the
"Government Gazette" for removal
of all graves in certain portions of
Sections A, B and C in Mount
Caroline Cemetery.

Some mosquitoes have built a
nest in the Talpo Burgomaster's
trumpet and yet there are lots of
people who persist in saying that
mosquitoes have no consideration
for human beings.

Melbourne, Yesterday.—It is de-
finitely established that Mr. Bruce
is defeated. The final figures of
the voting at Flinders were: Mr.
Holloway (Labour) 31,379; Mr.
Bruce 31,052.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.—A bulletin
issued to-day states that the
Princess Royal has gained
strength in the past week. Her
local condition remains quiescent.—
Reuter.

Miss Eleanor Thom, M.A., who
has recently returned from the
United States, will deliver a lecture
on "A Chinese Student's Impression
of America and American Educa-
tion" on Wednesday, at 5 p.m. in
the Union Assembly Room at the
University, when the next meeting
of the Education Society is held.

Illustrated by diagrams, a paper
on "Some difficulties in the manu-
facture and trials of Diesel engines"
was read at the Institution of En-
gineers and Shipbuilders of Hong
Kong last evening by Engineer
Captain W. H. Mitchell, M.I.Mech.E.,
R.N., who is leaving the Colony
shortly on transfer after a brief
stay on the Station.

"A biography makes an attractive
book because it stands half-way be-
tween literature and life, appealing
equally to those who read for in-
formation and to those who read for
criticism," said Professor R. K. M.
Simpson, M.C., M.A., in a review
of the works and art of the bio-
grapher, broadcasted at the Radio
Studio last night.

POLITICAL CRIME?

SOVIET AGENT FOUND WITH
THROAT CUT

POLICE MYSTIFIED

Warsaw, Yesterday.
The police are mystified by the
discovery of a man found in the
street with his throat cut, who is
now in hospital.

He is believed to be a Soviet
citizen named Lambow, en route to
Odessa with letters from the Soviet
Embassy in Paris. A number of
coded documents were found in his
possession, and apparently he is an
Ogpr agent returning home.
It is not clear whether the wound
is self-inflicted, or the result of a
murderous assault.—Reuter.

FALL OF KABUL

BRITISH LEGATION BUILDING
DAMAGED

RUSSIAN GOLD FOUND

Peshawar, Yesterday.
After the fall of Kabul the re-
treating Kohistanis considerably
damaged outlying buildings of the
British Legation, but the main
building was stoutly defended by
Legation watchmen, three of whom
were killed.

Bachal Saqao narrowly escaped
through a breach in the wall of the
Citadel, but Shah Wali Khan made
prisoners of his family, father and
brother.

The Citadel was captured by scal-
ing the walls after a heavy bom-
bardment. General Mohamed Sadiq
Khan, leading a counter-attack,
was killed at the gateway.

After the fall of the Citadel,
Nadir Khan's tribal levy looted the
Treasury, the museum, and the
Palace. It is reported they found
bag of Russian gold in the Citadel.
—Reuter.

THE CANADIAN VISIT

PREMIER RETURNING FULL
OF PEACE

A WORLD AGREEMENT

Ottawa, Yesterday.
Replying to Mr. Mackenzie King's
speech of welcome on behalf of the
Canadian Government at the din-
ner in his honour, Mr. Ramsay
MacDonald said he was returning
to London to begin conversations
with France, Italy and Japan, in
the same frank, free, and open
way, in which conversations with
America had been conducted.

He hoped an agreement would be
reached in the spring which would
be the biggest and most substan-
tial advance towards world peace
in the history of the world. The
Dominions would be kept informed,
also any other country wishing to
be kept informed.

Absolute agreement had been
reached with the United States be-
cause both realised there was a
world outside, and they did not
want to impose their will upon it.
Their disagreements would not pre-
vent a world agreement.—Reuter.

FOREIGN LEGION

DETACHMENT AMBUSHED BY
ARAB TROOPS

SAVED BY AEROPLANES

Paris, Yesterday.
Reports from Colombo Bechar
says that a native force of 150
ambushed a detachment of the
French Foreign Legion on October
14 at South Merija, in Morocco.

Fifty Legionaries were killed and
18 wounded, and only seven escap-
ed unhurt. The survivors were
saved by another detachment of the
Legion, which an Air Force plane
informed of the affair.

Moroccan troops pursued the at-
tackers, who suffered heavy losses.
—Reuter.

HOWLERS

The highest mountain in Europe is
Blanc Range.

Socrates died of a dose of wedlock.

Almas was a great prophet.

Justifiable homicide is when a
woman kills her husband.

I wish to give notice for Mary to
expire at Christmas.

Direct Taxation means you must
pay at once: Indirect Tax-
ation you needn't.

When Henry VIII married
Catherine of Aragon he received
compensation from the
Pope.

The happy pair then left for Macao.
The parents were numerous
and costly.

A furnished bedroom with every
convenience: phone, buses pass
door, also breakfast.

A vegetarian subsides on fruit and
greens.

Many friends assembled in church
to witness the ceremony.

The Pilgrims went to Canterbury
to kill Joe Beckett.

Teacher: "A lady's wig may cost
as much as \$30."

Johnnie's Dictation: "A lady's
wig may cost as much as \$30."

Road schemes estimated to cost
\$1,925,000 were adopted by the
Essex County Council. The Govern-
ment have promised grants up to
75 per cent on condition that
labour from distressed areas is
used. The proposal also includes
the reconstruction of twelve county
bridges.

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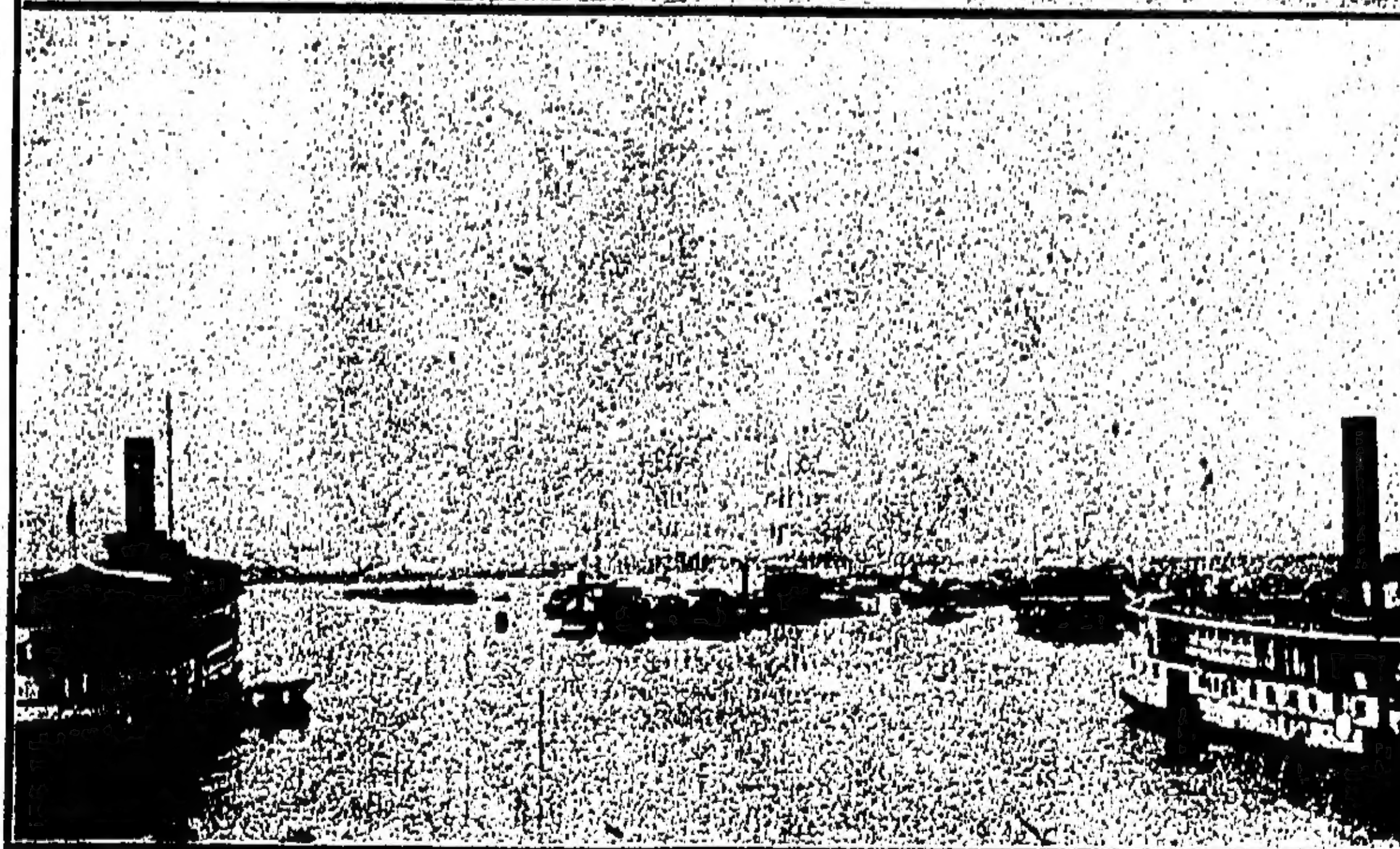
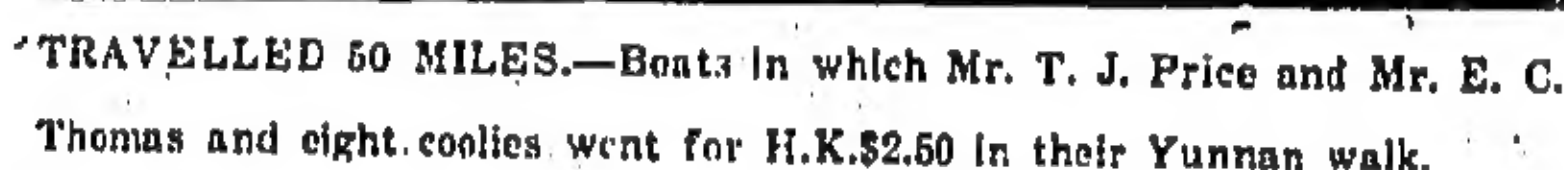
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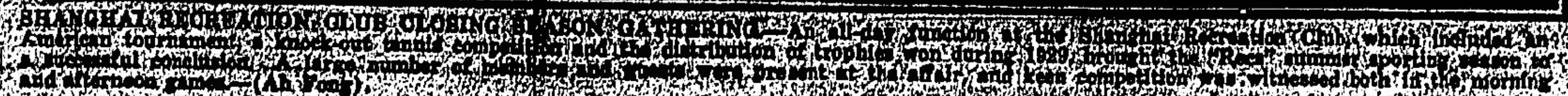
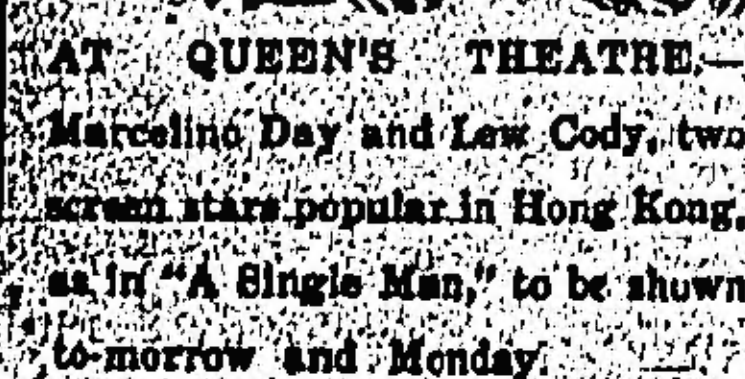
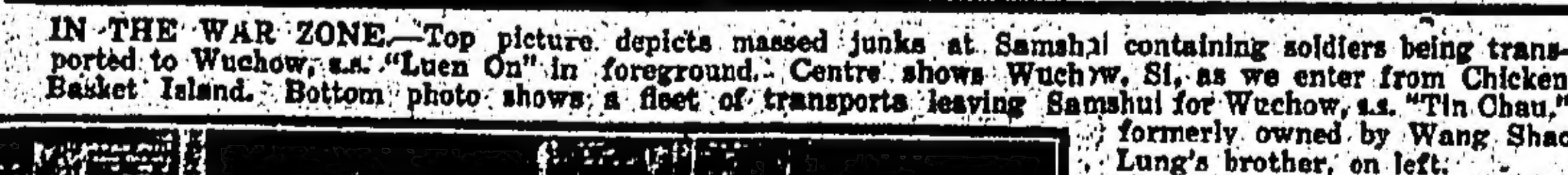
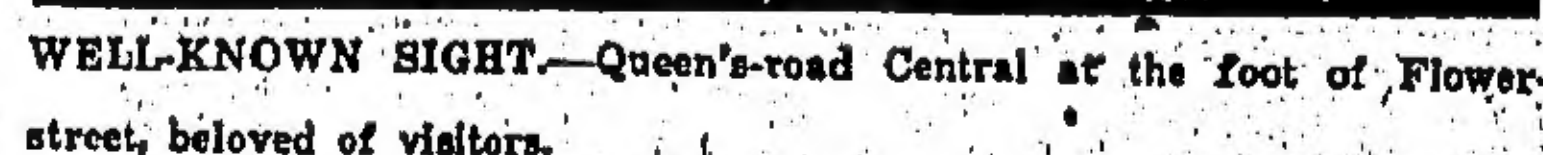
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WARWICK REVUE COMPANY.—Some of the favourites—dancers, singers, humorists and entertainers—as they appeared in the Photomaton studio, Hong Kong. They will be in Canton over the week-end and will be at the Theatre Royal, from Wednesday to Saturday.



The WOMAN'S Page



For the Present Season



Raquel Torres, the lovely and spirited Spanish screen favourite, appears in the latest costume for this time of the year. Smart is her erpe frack while the new sunshade adds a dash of colour that enhances the ensemble.

MY LADY'S DRESS

A NEW FASHION COUNCIL

THE TEXTILE TRADES

Dame Fashion is to have a business manager, or, rather, a number of business managers, in the near future.

They will call themselves the British Colour Council. The main object of this body will be to determine the colours for the fashion and allied trades.

The Council will work on the lines of the United States Colour Card Association, which provides its members with two cards. "One of these, 'A,' is a standard or basic colour card of colours which are likely to obtain for four or five years. The other, 'B,' is a seasonal card, giving the very latest shades discovered by the scientists in dyers' laboratories and adopted by Dame Fashion's advisers.

It is felt that the time has come for the inauguration of a British organisation. A meeting with this object is to be held in London on October 9, over which Lord Ebury, D.S.O., chairman of the Army and Navy Co-operative Society Ltd., and president of the London Employers' Association, is to preside. In outlining the proposed scheme, the details of which are yet to be settled, the organisers say:

"Colour plays an increasingly important part in modern commerce, and it is the dominant factor in buying and selling in many industries. It is the ruler of the textile and allied trades, both in the home and overseas markets. The discovery of the correct colours for a

given season is the surest way to make buying and selling easy for the dyer, manufacturer, and distributor.

"Modern interest in colour has developed the colour sense of the masses to a remarkable degree, so that the consumer has become a keen and fastidious critic of colours. The presence of this dominant factor combined with highly developed and widespread consumer taste has made fashion colour determination one of the keys to successful commercial enterprise.

Research in Paris

"The placing of fashion colour determination for the British Empire in British hands," the hon. sec. of the provisional committee of the British Colour Council, Mr. H. Kay, said, will provide all British manufacturers and distributors simultaneously with early and authoritative information of colour tendencies. It will conduct colour research in Paris and other fashion centres so as to be in a position to provide members with the latest and most exact colour information from all sources.

"By getting advance and authoritative information about fashion colour tendencies, manufacturers and distributors will be in a better position than they are at present to prepare goods in advance of seasons. By limiting the speculative element from colour decisions it will make for economy in production and reduce the risk of buying and holding stocks."

It is not improbable that the new Colour Council will employ art and literary advisers in the search for new and beautiful colours for my lady's dress and to give new names to new hues.

STAINED GLASS

IN THE MODERN WAY

Time was when the mention of stained glass in connection with a private dwelling conjured up visions of a suburban villadom and a lower middle-class smugness. Now all that is changed, and modern stained glass for domestic decorations is bringing itself into line with other modernistic notions. In common with many another revival of fashion, stained glass returns with a difference to us.

No longer does it fill up panels in a front door with geometric designs of a strange, meaningless, or appropriate panes in a window with light-obscuring areas that yield no rich flood of colour in return for their absorption of sunshine.

Instead, it contents itself very wisely with a mere rondel or oblong, satisfied in the generous space of door or window to provide a point of interest, of tone, of design.

These single compositions in glass (most effective when repeated in a series of windows) prove curiously effective, in spite, or perhaps because, of their modest proportion to the rest of the glass area to which they are related. The eye rests gratefully on them, unconsciously relieved to find a small space in vivid contrast to the remainder of some large expanse.

Landscape Studies

The themes of the stained-glass pictures vary greatly; from those of angular, cubistic, and futuristic arrangements of line and colour to alluring little landscapes with tree-bordered paths winding up, mountain sides, and flanked by old castles and fortresses, such as one so frequently finds in the backgrounds of Italian and Flemish Primitives.

In the latter examples the colours are usually kept low in tone, the details are minutely worked out, and a general air of naive simplicity is maintained.

A number of women artists are directing their energies to the production of stained glass, and some are achieving work of considerable distinction. One woman makes a feature of depicting in her small panels of glass some view of interest in the house itself, either from within or without.

Lares and Penates, pets and hobbies, find themselves decoratively rendered in place of the crests and quarterings of the mediaeval family, and these are extraordinarily attractive when presented under efficient treatment. Without in the least affecting the light available, these original pictures of stained glass provide their panes with a feature capable of conferring upon the house both character and distinction.

Another craftworker has produced admirable copies of sets of glass rondels designed by Walter Crane, the originals of which is believed to be among the treasures of the Victoria and Albert Museum. They are characteristically Crane in their figure-drawing and pleasant colour.

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Paris Uses Wigs



One of the most startling innovations which comes from Paris is the wig, hat and gold lace dress which was first introduced by the fashionable women at Deauville a few weeks ago. All match to form the complete ensemble.

Floral and plain taffetas both lend charm to these new details. Even though puffs might shift up and down, according to the mood of the dress designer, they always surround the swathed hip motif at a given point—across backs at the waist line or just on or slightly below the hip. One of the methods followed exaggerating these effects is the long double-pannelled back to skirts.

Quilted trimmings are an excellent feature for taffetas worked up in sections or banded lines, in straight, perpendicular, or geometrical formation, designed to run through the surface of the material. Fine quilted brocades are other themes that coincide in vein and look well when black and silver is worked up with black lace defining a diagonal line effect at the hem.

The Scarf Dollar
Ensembles in tweeds and velvet coats are particularly attractive when showing the new scarf-collared moulded all in one by being stitched into the body of the garment round the neck and down either side to the waist in front. These scarves are invariably executed in the same material, or a plain colour, to match dresses of tweed ensembles. They are darned through with a deeper-toned or contrasting wool when placed on cardigan styles with fringed ends that pass underneath belts.

This new line is illustrated without fringes on the elephant-grey velvet coat, specially sketched to convey how the approach to eliminate fur is easily accomplished. On the other hand, fur can be so luxurious that two different tones of one "genre" like fox, for instance, in dark and silver grey express extravagance! The collar on the second model indicates this toning tendency with fur. It is defined in a shawl line on a coat cut to form one of the fashionable shorter lengths for afternoon wear. The bottle-green tartan marocain of the coat is checked with fine black lines, which also marks another Louisboulanger tendency to use the simple selvage of a material when interpreting hems on both coats and tunics.

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COATS AND FURS

A PARIS MOVE TO OUST PYJAMA SUITS

One of the thrills of the autumn openings is the new type of rest gown. It was launched by Louisboulanger in apparent deliberation to oust the pyjama suit from its seat for boudoir lounging, informal tea, cocktail, and dinner parties "chez soi," since it has become so popular on the beach.

They have already been dubbed "studio gowns," but their beauty is far too significant to herd them in Bohemia. Unless it is a special Bohemia with an extremely elegant atmosphere. Although trousers are part of the scheme, they are feminine and subtly cut on long Harem or straight lines, and transparent coverings take the form of graceful flowing skirts. These trail and dip from a bodice line made to shape like a blouse, with delicate touches of lingerie peeping through the opening of a front décolleté. This fine embroidered and lace-trimmed lingerie note also develops a more feminine pyjama trend, with handsome lounge wraps of floral satins that are cut somewhat on the style of masculine dressing coats belted round the normal waist. Pink is the assured colour for these effects. Consequently pyjama trousers look just as dainty under green chiffon and pink lace as full Harem trousers of chiffon look under the same, or two different combinations of light colours—green and pink or blue and pink, for example. Sometimes only the blouse of a gown shows the different colour contrast.

The ideas that vary the straight line of the evening mode are calculated to range from front fichu and lapel décolletés to quilted trimmings and swathed hip lines on skirts. These mark time with Early Victorian dress psychology by being bunched in semi-polonaise fashion between the knees and waist, just at the right angle to make them look sufficiently modern. They are posed low enough without appearing ridiculously old-fashioned, to jut out at the sides between tight-fitting tunics and hem lines, or they are posed in position to appear correct above sweeping panels.

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"On With the Dance"



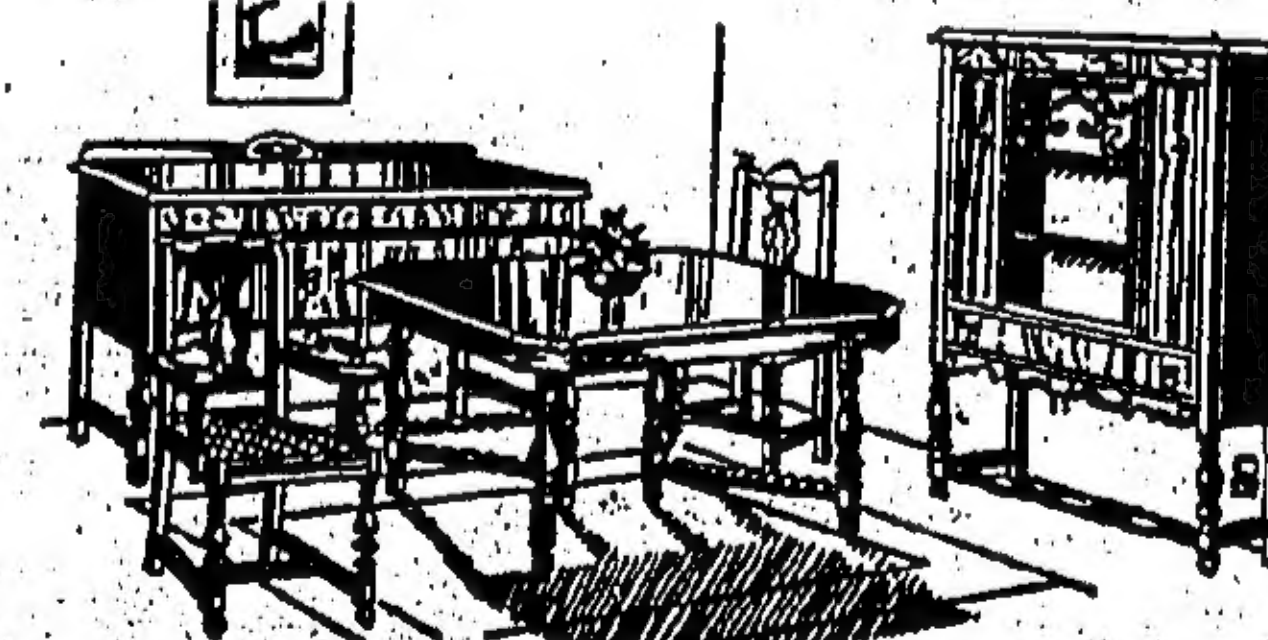
One of the newer costumes designed by Anita Page, the screen star well known for her extensive wardrobe. The bodice is plainly made with button trimmings on side and the top of skirt is of rose beige taffeta. The skirt proper is made of two shades of violet chiffon and the dress is finished with a cluster of violets.

is that a certain idealistic tendency applicable to the "Grecian" has developed in the evening mode, which is marvellously draped in effective lengths with scarves and neck arrangements carried high up round the neck or tied in a bow on one shoulder.

When waists are indicated, they are set rather high and skirts are long and flowing with pointed hems. Points might dip all the way round or at the sides and backs. When a straight hem curves towards the back, the movement is relatively gradual. It starts from a fairly long front line that does not show long front line settling down at the knees, but nearly as far down as the hem of the skirt itself, effecting an enchanting symmetry which is distinguished and elegant, particularly when carried out in white velvet and white georgette.

Chiffon velvets of the most delicate texture are favourite materials, and when Vionnet combines them in two different colours the main note is usually chosen in the palest blue pink that is as faint as the tone of a pearl against dark red or navy blue. All the light-toned velvets have a mastic quality in pinks, greens and blues, though darker tonings like apple and emerald-green, frequently appear.

Dyed Black
Fur coats are an exceptional feature and reveal a new art in line. The shaded parts of skins are worked up in diagonal and geometrical patterns. These combine surface intricacies executed alongside of semi-circular and perpendicular movements evolved from yokes, or long revers, worked up or round all in one to loop into soft enveloping folds round the neck. Ermine is naturally one of the dominating furs used to achieve these new never-scarf and yoke-scarf effects, which frame heads in soft, even unbroken drapes. Evening coats and wraps are chiefly made of white ermine, but Vionnet uses Japanese ermine as a substitute for summer ermine. For the first time in history she dyes ermine black to scintillate with incredible splendour in artificial light. Almost without exception, fur coats wrap over at the side, to be grasped under one arm, so that the coat is kept in place without any fastening. The diagonal movement is conserved as the line extends from the body in correct style to a one-sided point at the hem. Cuffs, too, are other features, and either flare at below the elbow or take a melon-shaped line graduated from above the elbow to the wrist, where they appear to be neatly manipulated in preparation for muffs.



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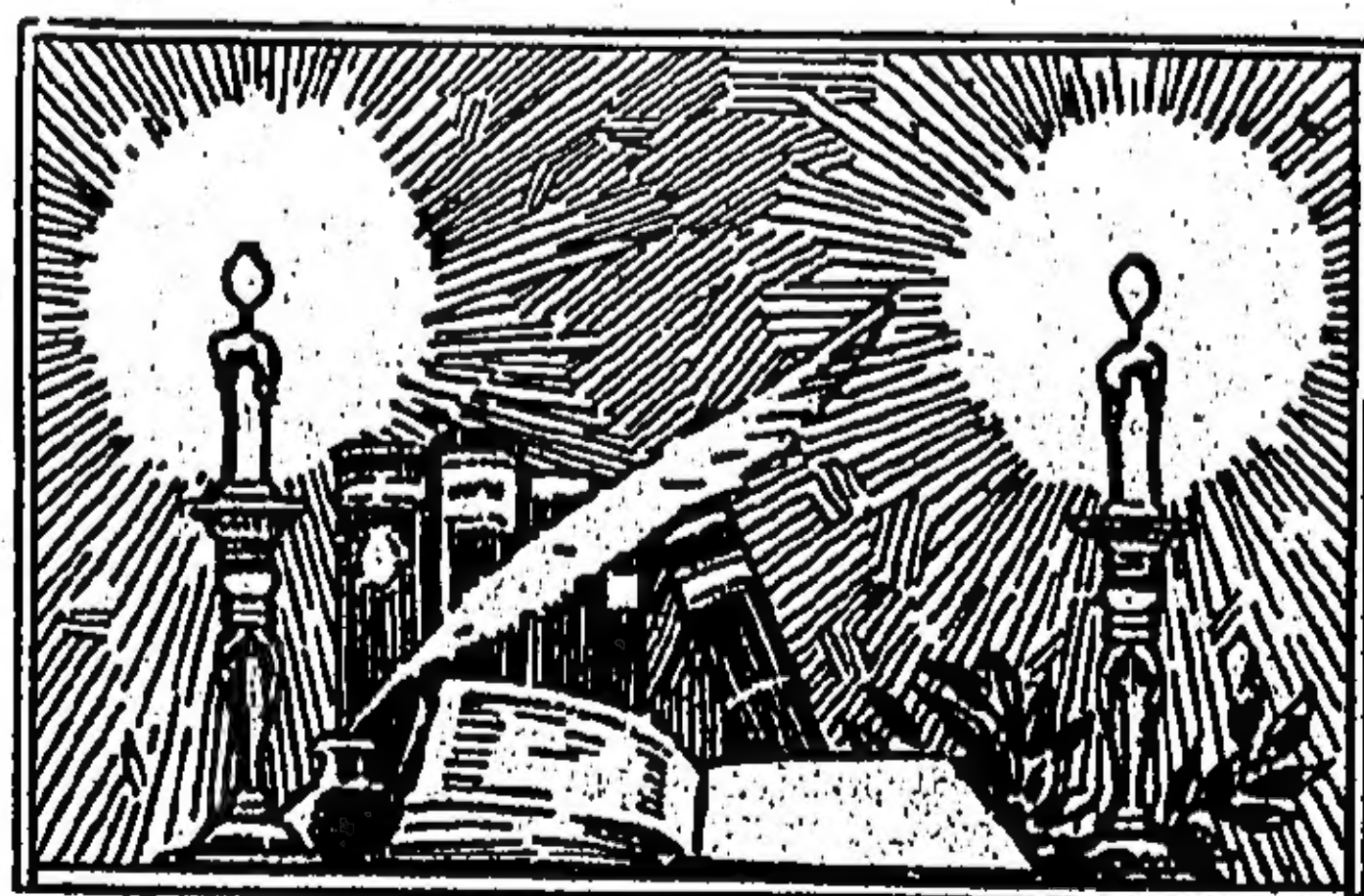
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The Prince of Wales—Incidents in His Life

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Owing to supplies going astray en route, the "China Mail" publishes this week a series of beautifully preserved pictures of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David), who was born on June 23, 1894. In the top row, at left, is a snapshot of a Welsh terrier, "Gwen," being presented in July, 1911, to the Prince and Princess Mary, now Viscountess Lascelles. On the right, also above, the Prince is seen when he became Heir to the Throne. This was taken in May, 1910, from the garden of Marlborough House, left to right (centre foreground of photo), the Duke of York, Prince George and the Prince of Wales, watching the proclamation of King George V.

In the middle are two photos of His Royal Highness in the uniform of the Fighting Services. On the left he is as a Colonel of the Army, in his usual merry mood at the final stage of the shooting for the King's Prize at Blaisey in July, 1924. At right, he is in the "full dress" uniform of a Captain of the Royal Navy, having just returned Home in June, 1922 from his Indian tour and saluting in acknowledgment of the cheers by the London Crowds.

In the bottom row, the Prince is seen as an individual. On the left, he is replete with top hat, holding a cigar, watching with undisguised pleasure as a keen racegoer, in June, 1923, the parade in the paddock, on Derby Day at Epsom. In the centre he is raising his bowler hat, as Prince Edward, saying goodbye to Lord Alverstone at the Oxford v. Cambridge athletic meeting at Queen's Club, London, in March, 1908. In April, 1924, his Royal Highness concluded his Continental tour with a few days' golf at Le Touquet, this being during the Easter vacation. He is shown resting and studiously watching a game, wearing a pullover and plus fours, in the photo at right, below.





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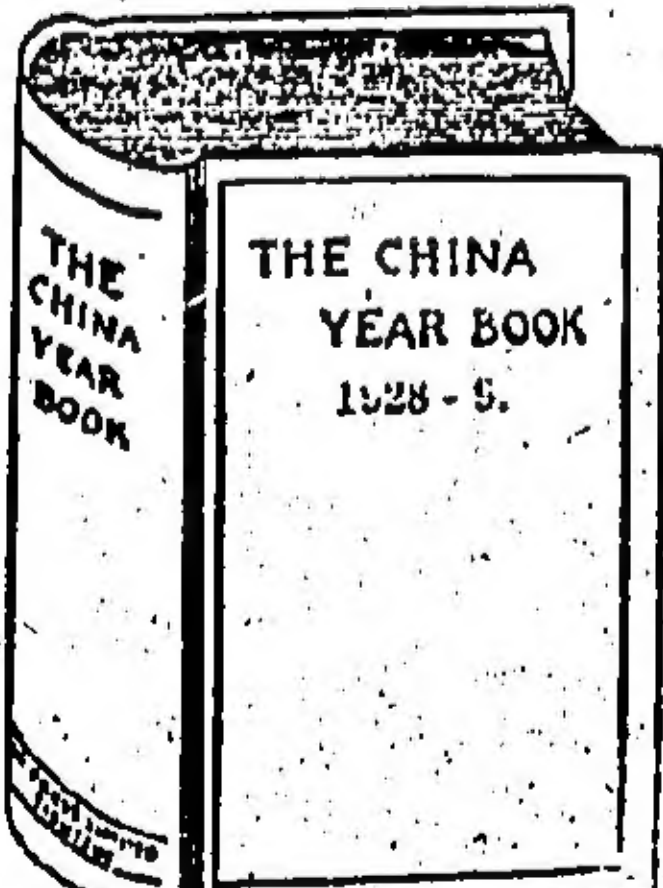
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I'M WORRYING BECAUSE SHE IS
DINING WITH THE BOSS AT ONE
AND AT TWO
WITH THE
MANAGER.

HUH! THE BOSS IS BACK
NOW. I SUPPOSE SHE IS
EATING AGAIN WITH THE
MANAGER.

BAU! THERE'S THE MANAGER
BACK. I SUPPOSE HE THINKS
HE'S MADE A HIT WITH HER.

NOW I SUPPOSE SHE'LL CALL
ME UP. BUT I'LL NOT TALK TO
HER. I'LL SHOW HER THAT I
DON'T CARE!

SEE! IT'S FOUR O'CLOCK.
SHE HASN'T PHONED YET.
PSHAW—I SHOULD WORRY.

WELL, IT'S SIX O'CLOCK. I'LL
NOT WAIT. IN FACT I'M NOT
INTERESTED IN THE LEAST.

I DON'T CARE, BUT
I WONDER WHY SHE
DIDN'T PHONE.

Bringing Up Father

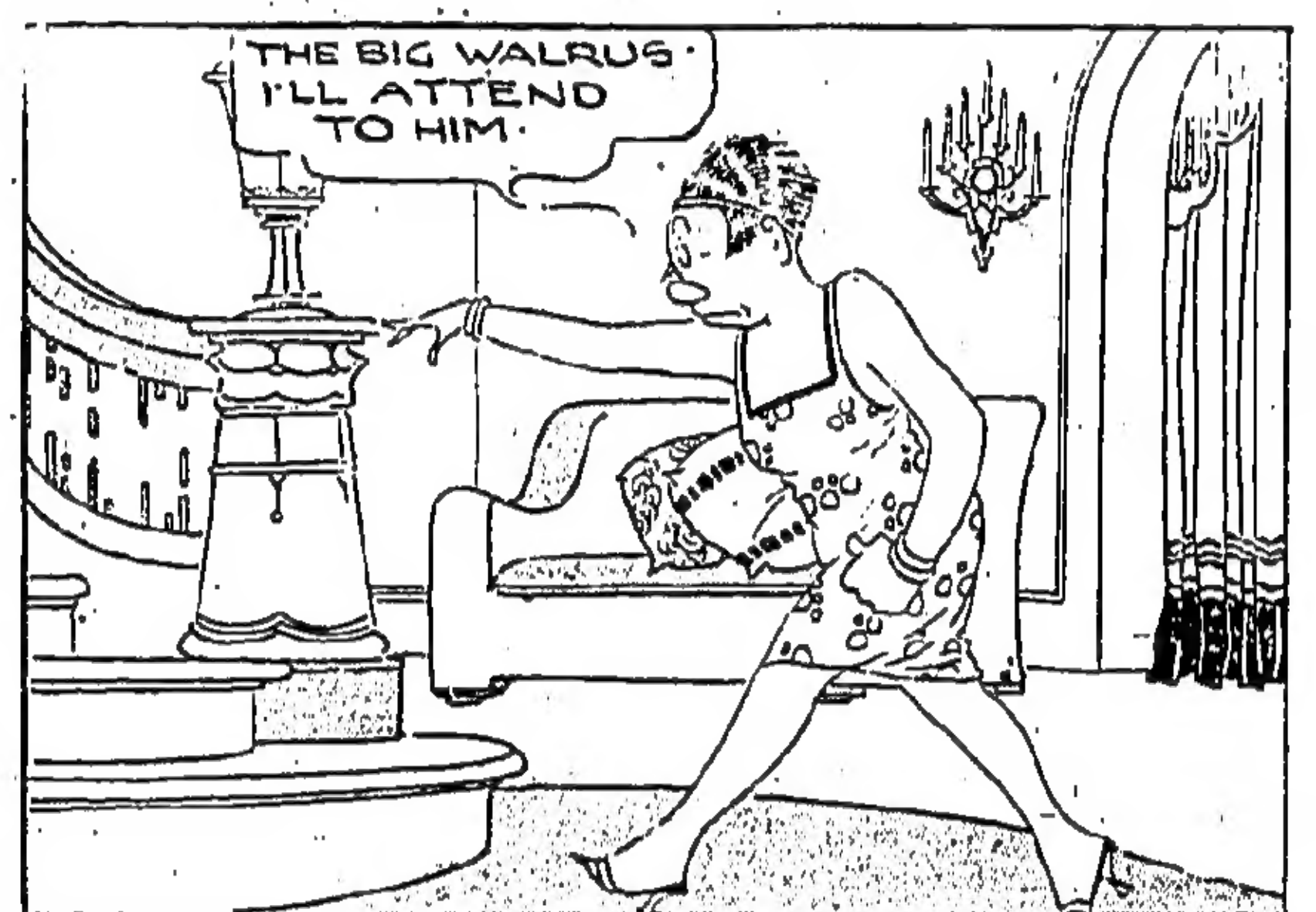


PHONE THE
BUTCHER, MAZIE,
AND TELL HIM
TO SEND OVER
SOME ARTI-
CHOKES.

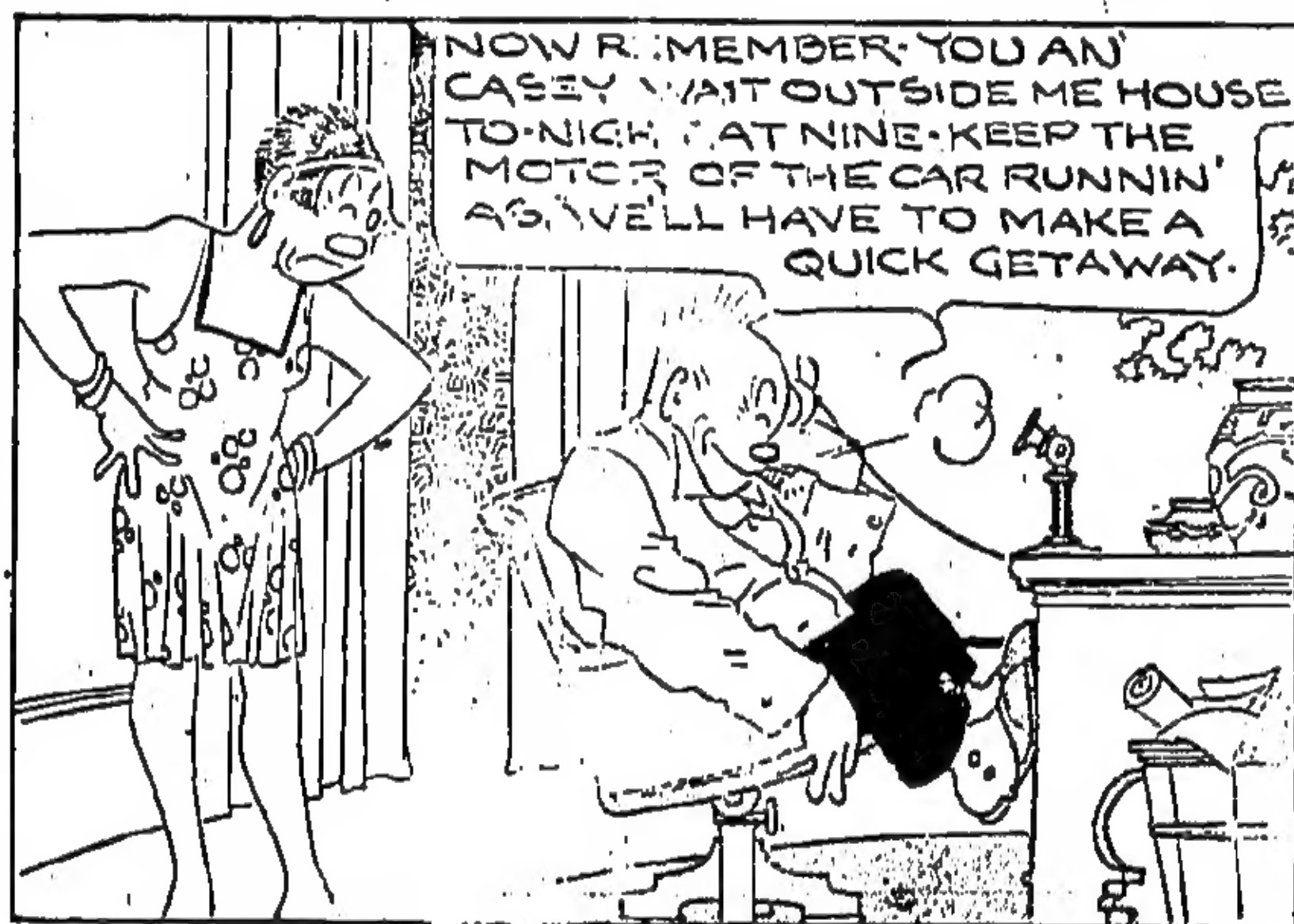
I'LL HAVE TO WAIT
AS MR. JIGGS IS
USIN' THE PHONE
UP.



OUT OF MY WAY!
I WANT TO
HEAR WHO
HE IS PHON-
ING TO.



THE BIG WALRUS
I'LL ATTEND
TO HIM.



NOW REMEMBER YOU AN
CASEY WAIT OUTSIDE MY HOUSE
TIL NINE. KEEP THE
MOTOR OF THE CAR RUNNIN'
AS WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE A
QUICK GETAWAY.



AND YOU'RE GOING TO
STAY LOCKED IN THIS
ROOM. THE SERVANTS
ARE ALL GOING OUT.
I'LL ATTEND TO
YOUR FRIENDS.



I HEAR
NOW.

POOR JIGGS.
HIS MARRIED
LIFE ISN'T
ANY BETTER
THAN
MINE.

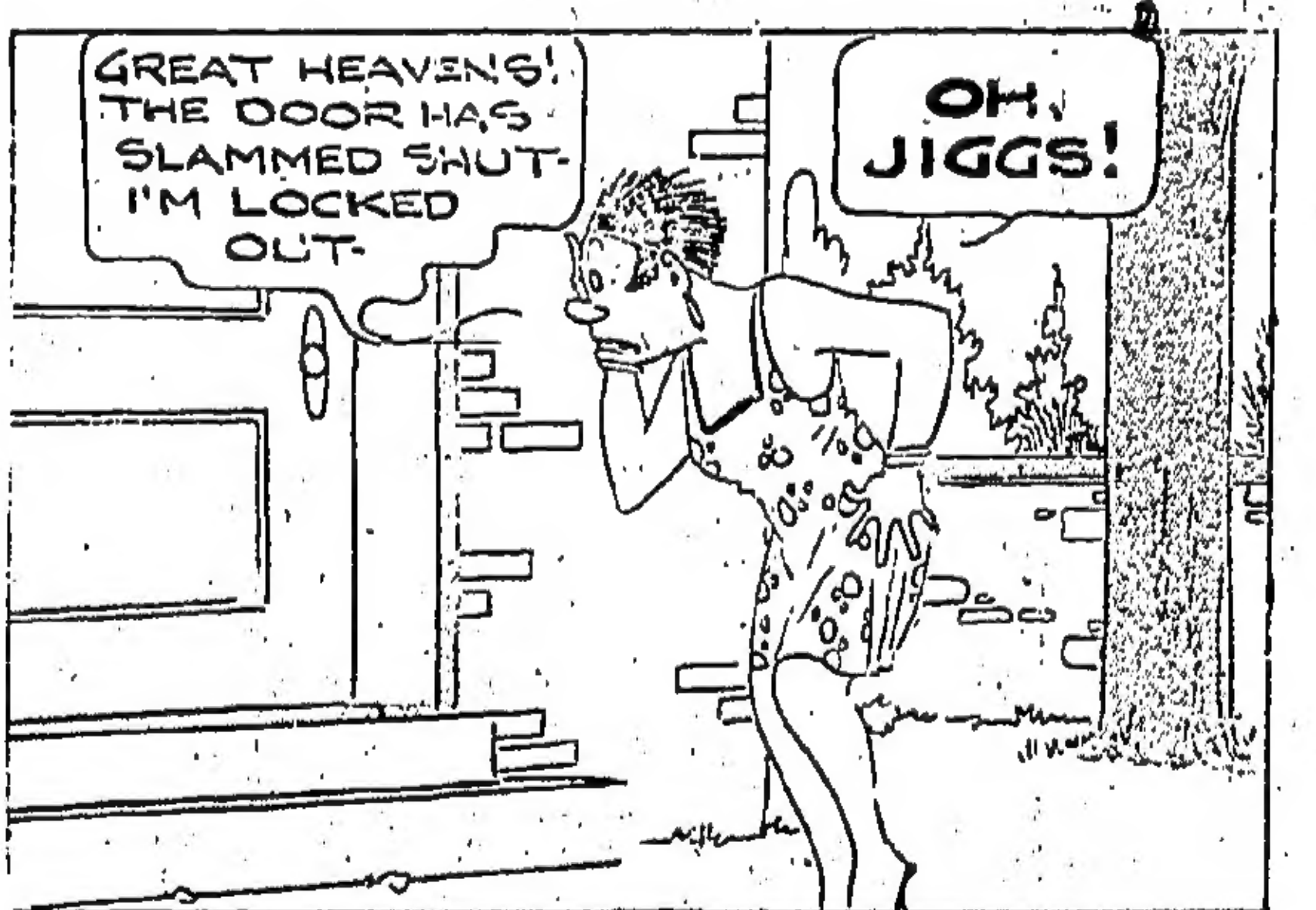
IT
COULDN'T
BEAS BAD
AS MINE.



YOU BUNCH OF
HOODLUMS—
GET OUT OF
THIS YARD.

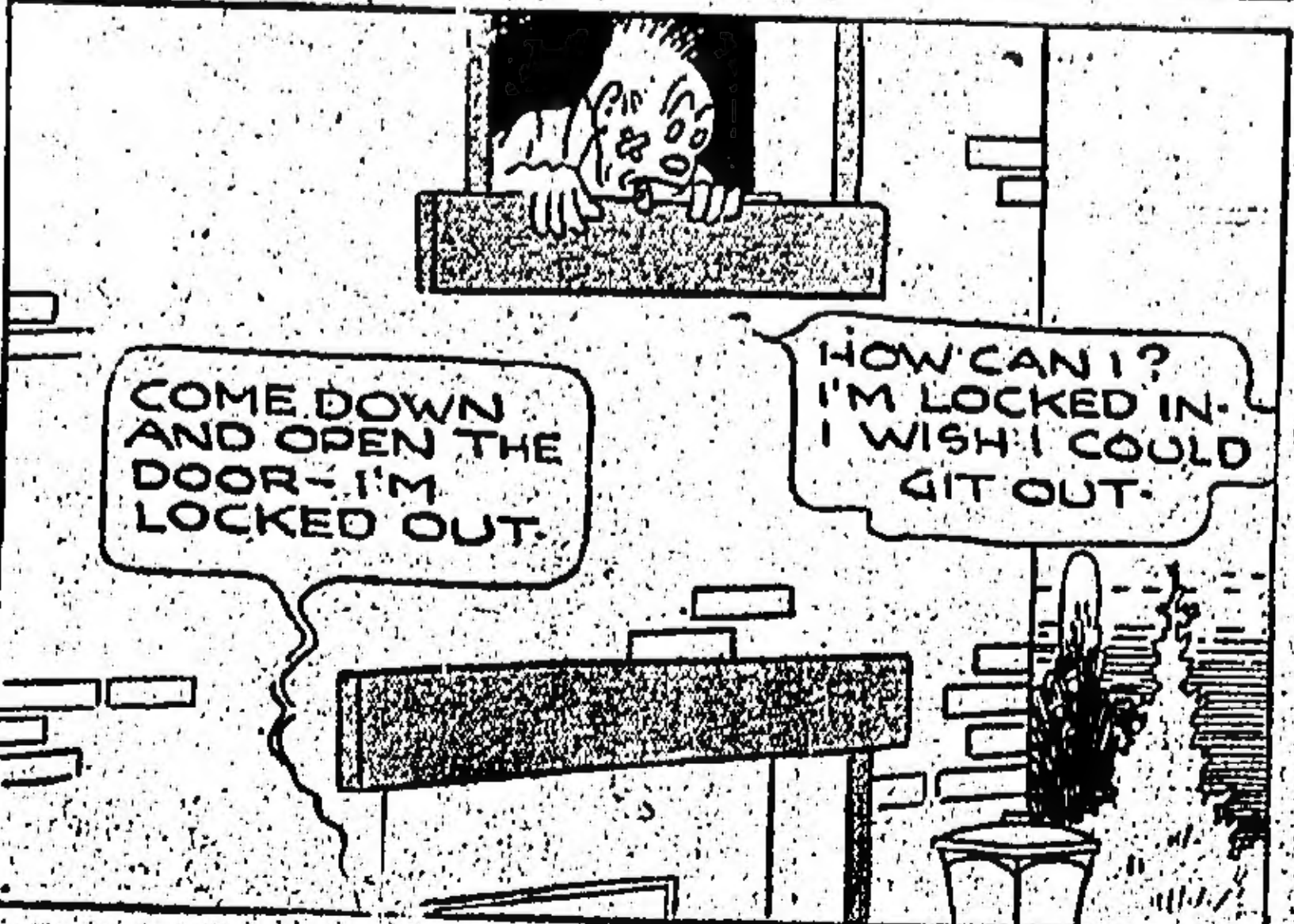


AND IF YOU SHOW
UP AROUND HERE
AGAIN YOU'LL
REGRET IT.



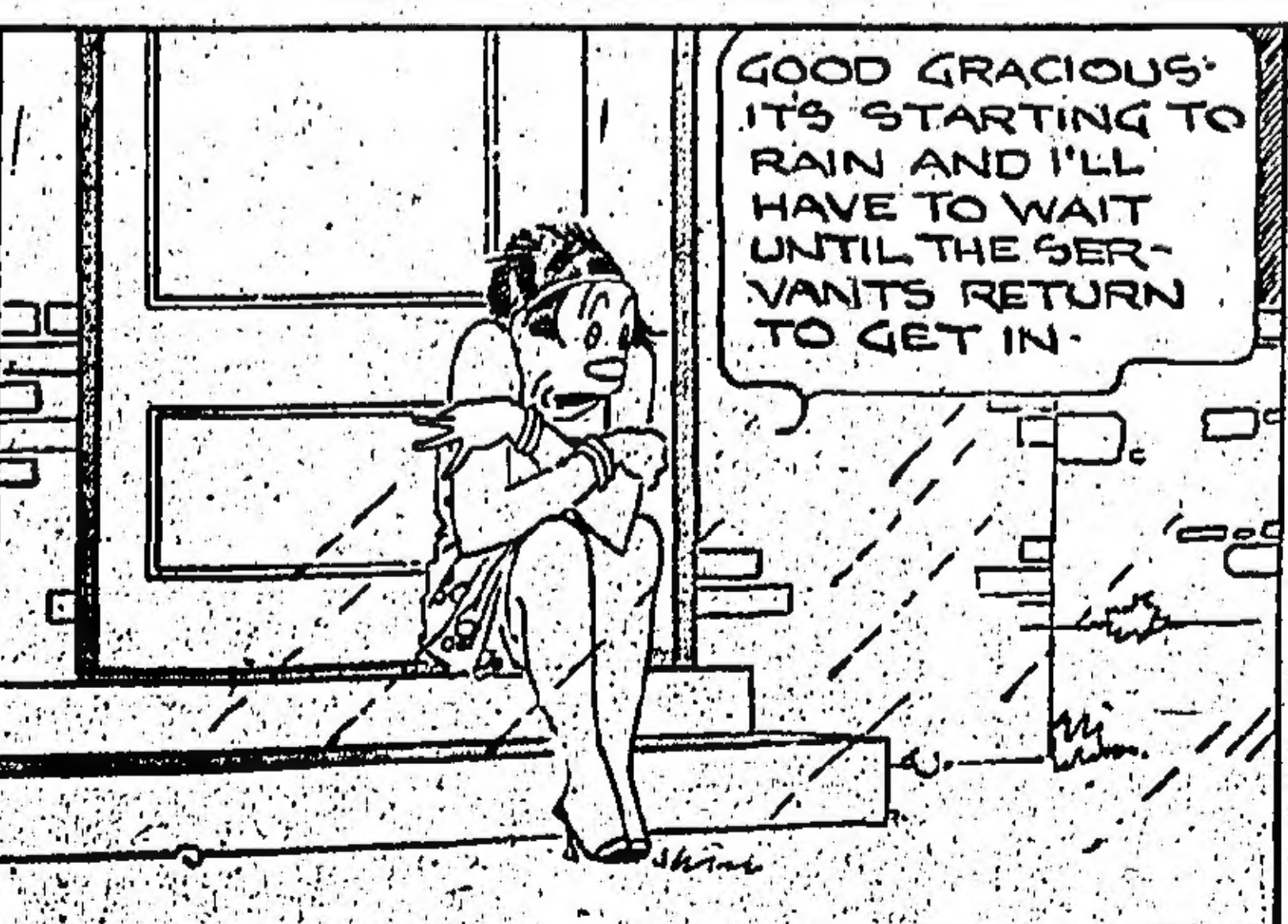
GREAT HEAVENS!
THE DOOR HAS
SLAMMED SHUT.
I'M LOCKED
OUT.

OH,
JIGGS!

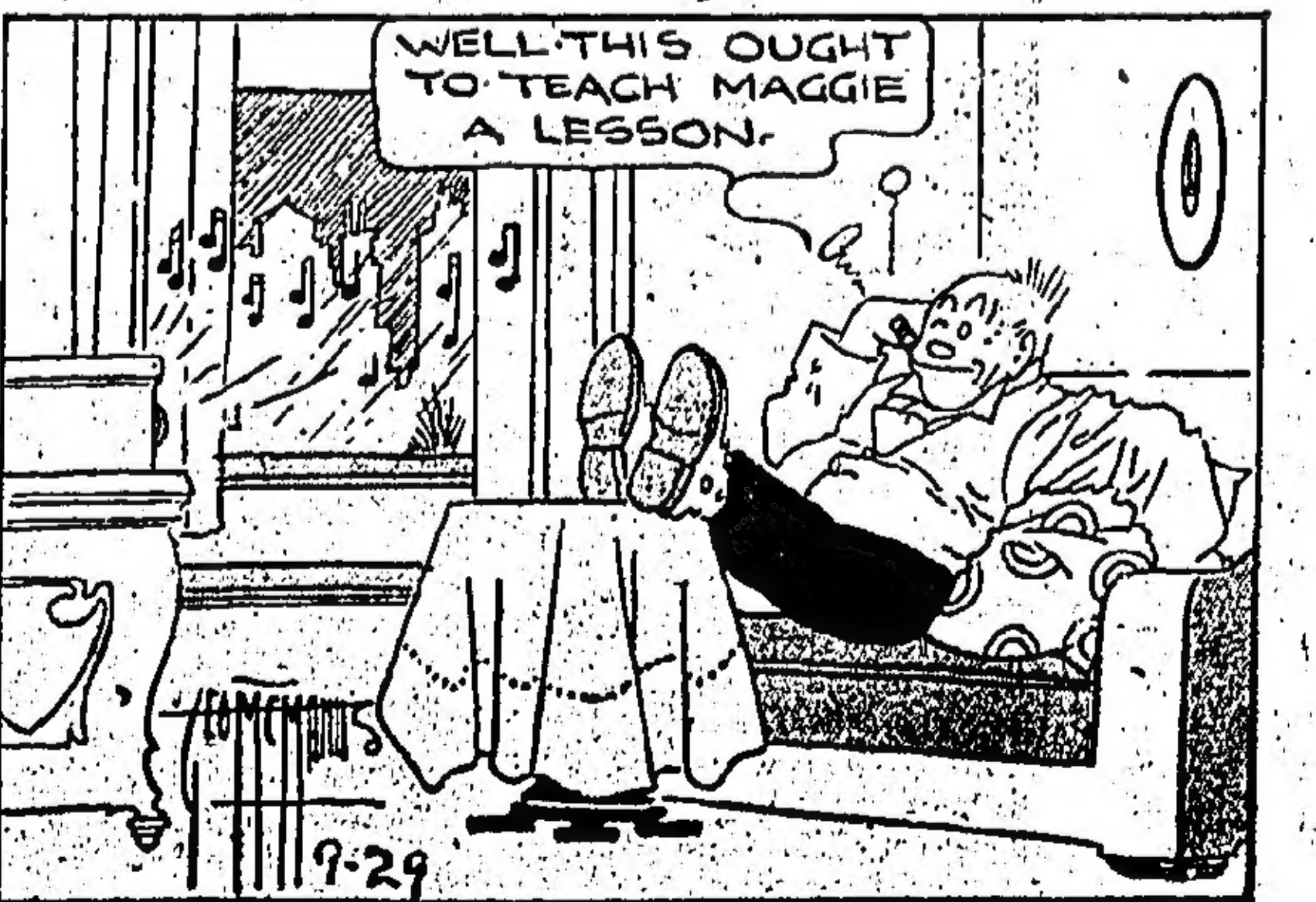


COME DOWN
AND OPEN THE
DOOR—I'M
LOCKED OUT.

HOW CAN I?
I'M LOCKED IN.
I WISH I COULD
GET OUT.



GOOD GRACIOUS!
IT'S STARTING TO
RAIN AND I'LL
HAVE TO WAIT
UNTIL THE SER-
VANTS RETURN
TO GET IN.



WELL, THIS OUGHT
TO TEACH MAGGIE
A LESSON.



OUR WEEKLY SERMON

The Jewish Contribution To Christianity

MODERN CHURCHMAN'S VIEWS

[By the Reverend Geoffrey Allen, B.A., Chaplain of
Ripon Hall, Oxford]

(Continued from October 12.)

The truth seems to be that we must combine the two conceptions of time, as other speakers have already suggested. A God who is static, outside the world process, is no God because He does nothing. A God, dynamic, active as the Jews thought, would be not worth worshipping, if He was exhausted in the time process. Fortunately, as Mr. Boyd-Smith pointed out, it is this clear-cut antithesis which is itself illusory. The Eternal is, as the Jews thought, active in time, as we should say, immanent in the creative process.

The First Christology

The next Jewish contribution which I propose to treat is one so obvious that it easily escapes notice. From Judaism there comes to Christian thought the first form of thought about Jesus, the first Christology, that which indeed gives the name to all Christologies and to Christians, that form of thought which alone of all Christologies can with certainty be ascribed to our Lord Himself. Jesus was in the first instance not the Second Person of the Trinity, nor on the other hand a more ethical reformer; to Himself and to His first followers He was the Christ, the Coming One, the Son of Man, the long-expected Messiah. Possibly from Judaism comes too the later logos Christology, better adapted to the mind of the Greek world; but the extent of the influence of Philo and of the Wisdom literature on later Christological theory is too big a theme to be treated here.

Jesus grew to manhood in an atmosphere filled with a variety of written and unwritten hopes, assuming many strange forms, yet all agreeing in pointing to the coming of a great Deliverer. Only against this background can we understand his career. The use that He made of those hopes, the selection of all that was most fine, shows more than anything else His profound originality. In the allegorical account of the Temptation, He must later have explained to his disciples how at the outset of His ministry He sifted the rough ore of Messianic belief. The positive elements in the belief He accepted, as pointing to His own divine vocation; by thus focusing them on Himself, He handed them on to Christianity in transmuted form. Was the Messiah to come as a Warrior, as a second David, founding again the Jewish Kingdom? A Kingdom there should indeed be, though of a different order, when men would repent and let Love Divine reign in their hearts.

A Sudden Cataclysm

Was the Messiah to be the supernatural Son of Man, breaking into the world in a sudden cataclysm, calling into being a new world to redress the balance of the old? The Kingdom which Jesus proclaimed was on this world, but not of this world; only when men learnt to set their affections on things above would they acquire in this world the treasures that endure. In the Wisdom Literature there is a gentler call of Wisdom to all that desire her; the Christ should call the weary and heavy-laden, that in His service their souls might find their true rest. Was there in all the Scriptures one prophecy of a Messiah who should come, not in regal splendour but in humility, not in war but in peace? Jesus first publicly proclaimed his Messiahship by the enacted parable of the entry into Jerusalem, recalling for those who had eyes to see this prophecy of Zechariah. But a love that is real must be strong to endure suffering; only by bearing upon itself the consequences of blindness and sin, by steadfastly meeting hate with love, can it open men's eyes to love and redeem them from sin. Jesus almost certainly for the first time gave a Messianic interpretation to the peak of Old Testament literature, the Songs of the Suffering Servant. Here most of all He showed the originality of His own Messianic interpretation, and by opposing all conventions voluntarily incurred His rejection and crucifixion by His people. Christ crucified, this was to the Jews a stumbling-block, then, and in St. Paul's time and to this day.

Foolishness To The Greeks
And to the Greeks it was foolishness. What meaning had or has this first Christology for Gentiles untrained in the long record of Jewish prophecy, whence it drew its whole meaning? To how many Christians to-day is Christ more than the proper name of Jesus? Marston thought that the God of Love was unknown before Jesus, and agreed with the Jews that a warrior Messiah was still to come. We should lose much if we follow

ed his example and rejected the Jewish legacy of Messianic thought in its application to Jesus; for, rightly understood, it may be of all the Christologies still the most reasonable, the most inspiring, the most decisive. It is indeed to-day impossible to believe in prophecy in the sense of an exact foretelling of future events, if only because of the necessary corollary of rigid determinism. The Jews had not in fact, as they supposed, windows into the courts of heaven through which to see the pre-existent Son of Man, who was to descend to earth. Inspiration, not prediction, was the gift of the prophet and apocalypticist.

Jews Inspired by Prophets
The Jews were, however, inspired by the prophets, who used this form of apocalyptic expectation, with the hope of a better day coming, the conviction that God would in the end reveal Himself in righteousness; and we believe that Jesus, though in a way which they did not expect, truly fulfilled this hope. It is for the hope of Israel that Paul finds himself bound with chains. Here lies for us the meaning of the Messiahship. As Dr. Rawlinson writes, "The argument from prophecy depends rather upon the broad relation of Christianity to Judaism as a religion of fulfilment to a religion of hope." Two thoughts are implied. First, there is the profound ethical truth that in Jesus we see the true fulfilment of a nation's hopes; the goal for nation and individual is, not martial triumph, not a display of power, but only love, strong to endure suffering in the service of humanity. Christ crucified.

Christians see both the strength of the Love of God, and the pattern of the Love which He requires of His children. Further, belief that Jesus is Christ implies that a new era has come, that God is already in a sense reigning. The hope that the Messiah would come was justified by His coming; the hopes for His final triumph over the powers of evil therein receives new strength. The Love Divine can and shall reign on earth, for the Love of God has already been seen on earth. The first article of the faith of the early Church was the belief, borrowed from Judaism, that Jesus is the Christ. It was denied by Jews then; it is denied by Jews now; nevertheless it remains the first article of the faith of Christianity.

A False Premise

The separation of the life from the death of Jesus, and the interpretation of the Cross in Jewish terms as an expiatory sacrifice, is a theme to be mentioned and left for further development. To me it seems that propitiation, expiation, satisfaction have no place whatever in modern theology. Such terms rest on the false premise of an unchristlike God. Quite recently I heard a sermon on the naïvely un-Christian theme that we should emphasize the justice of God, rather than His love, because by so doing we can preserve the good old words, redemption and propitiation. This is the damnable heresy of Judaism to Christianity. A full belief in the Incarnation renders any sacrificial theory of the Atonement unnecessary. The Cross does not create the love of God; it reveals it. The Cross reveals a love which bears attack, which takes upon itself without complaint the results of the sins of others, which refuses to meet force with force, but to the last appeals only to love. Such a love must ultimately demand expiation, and redeem men from sin by opening their eyes to the appeal of goodness. This is the meaning of the redemptive power of the Cross; in this form the ministry of reconciliation is a permanent function of the Church.

(To Be Continued.)

STRAITS GOVERNOR
HIS RESIGNATION ACCEPTED
BY THE KING

LADY CLIFFORD'S ILL HEALTH

London, Yesterday.
Sir Hugh Clifford, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Straits Settlements and High Commissioner for the Malay States, has asked permission to resign from his office on account of ill-health of Lady Clifford and the following telegram has been sent by the Colonial Secretary to Sir Hugh Clifford: "I am commanded by His Majesty the King to inform you that he accepts your resignation, and is much distressed to hear the reason which has necessitated it. The King appreciates the long and distinguished services which you have rendered to the Empire." British Wireless Service.

TUCK'S NOVELTY

GRAMOPHONE RECORD CARDS
JUST ISSUED

PLAY, SING AND TALK

Always to the fore in the introduction of novel ideas for Christmas, Messrs. Raphael Tuck and Sons are again out early this year with their profusely illustrated and artistic catalogue of their "World's Art Service," a copy of which has just reached the "China Mail."

An outstanding novelty produced by Tuck's this year is their Gramophone Record Cards which play, sing and talk to your friends across the seas. A more ingenious novelty is certainly difficult to think of, and as music is the universal language it is not difficult to predict that Tuck's Gramophone Record Postcards will soon be familiar and welcome all over the world.

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These "musical cards" are obtainable at Messrs. Whiteway's who sell them at 95 cents a set of four. All the seven different series produced by Tuck's are in stock, but are selling fast so that an early visit should be made to avoid disappointment.

"Oilette-de-Luxe" Cards

Of the many lines of pretty picture postcards, special mention must be made of the "Oilette-de-Luxe" cards depicting such beautiful scenes as "The Blue Lagoon" by Jean Lasalle, "Early Victorian" by Jennie Harbour, and "The Age of Innocence" by Muriel Harris. Other "Oilette" cards include a delightful series of "Cute Kiddies" in quaint and humorous designs by Beatrice Mallet, and the "Humour in Egypt" series which are "Oilettes" done after the original paintings by Lance Thackeray. These are indisputably the best collection of coloured postcards in the world.

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Royal Cards

This year the Royal Family have again ordered their Christmas cards from Tuck's early, and the designs have been reproduced in the "World Art Service" catalogue.

His Majesty the King's choice is entitled "Nelson Hoists his Flag on the Victory," the picture on the cover of the card being a miniature of the painting by Bernard Gribble depicting the "Victory" in full sail on a calm sea with other ships of war in the offing. Queen Mary's Christmas card is entitled "Life's Garden," a delightful painting by Flora Pilkington.

The Prince of Wales's Christmas card brings memory of his beloved great-grandmother. It is entitled "Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort reviewing the Fleet at Spithead, August 11, 1855." This is also a reproduction of a painting from the brush of Bernard Gribble. It depicts a many-masted Royal craft in the foreground with the Fleet forming the background, all riding proudly at anchor, the "might of the Britain of old."

The card of the Duke and Duchess of York is a miniature of Howard Davis's painting "Richard II. returning in his Royal Barge to the Palace of Westminster." This is a beautiful picture with the Palace in the background and the Royal barge in full view in the centre.

Howard Davis has also been honoured by Princess Mary, who chose his painting "God Best Ye Merry Gentlemen" for the illustration on the cover of her Christmas card.

PRESIDENT CHIANG

LEAVES NANKING ATTENDED
BY 1,000 MEN

VISIT TO HANKOW

Canton, Yesterday.
It is stated from Nanking that President Chiang Kai-shek will leave this evening for Hankow. Those accompanying him will be Chu Pu-tai, Chao Li-tai, Chen Pu-lu, Chao Fu-hai and a bodyguard of over 1,000 men. Generals Ho Ying-ching, Tong Sing-chi and Hsiung Shih-hui left yesterday at 4 p.m. for Hanchow by the Tai-pu Railway where the party will remain a short time and then proceed to Kai-fung on the Lung-hai Railway, where their headquarters will be established. President Chiang has appointed Hsiung as Chief of Staff at Kai-fung.

Aerial Navigation

The Shanghai-Hankow aerial navigation will commence on Oct. 21. The time taken for the trip between the two ports will occupy seven hours. The Nanking Headquarters cabled to Commander-in-Chief Chan Chai-tong, enquiring as to the general south-western situation and instructing General Chan and Chairman Chen Ming-shu jointly to attend to the rehabilitation of the south-western provinces.—Canton News Agency.

FREEDOM OF CITY

CHIEF SCOUT RECEIVES NEW
HONOUR

THE GREAT BROTHER

London Yesterday.
More than 200 Boy Scouts and Girl Guides gave a real Scout welcome to Lord Baden Powell, the Chief Scout, to-day, when he visited the Guildhall to receive the Freedom of the City of London, to mark the coming of age of the Scout movement.

Among those present were Mr. Rudyard Kipling, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and representatives of civic, business, and religious life of the City, and leaders of the Boy Scout movement from all parts of the country. Sir Adrian Pollock, City Chamberlain, in presenting the Chief Scout with a gold box containing a copy of the Freedom, talked of the good influence of the Scout movement all over the world. He said there had never been a movement which had succeeded so rapidly, and generations to come must decide the great Scout leader's place in history.

In reply to the presentation, Lord Baden Powell said that he realized that the honour was bestowed upon him merely as a figurehead of the great brotherhood. It would encourage and inspire the Scouts to do their best. "I will encourage them to see that not only do they get the best out of life, but that they put their best into it. This presentation means that the Scout movement is recognised as a civic movement and not as a militaristic one."—British Wireless Service.

EXCHANGES

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Bank, on demand .. 1/8 15/16
Bank, 30 days' sight
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/9 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/9 3/4
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On demand 1077 1/2
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On Berlin—
On demand
On New York—
On demand 42 3/4
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On Bombay—
On demand 116 3/4
On Calcutta—
On demand 116 3/4

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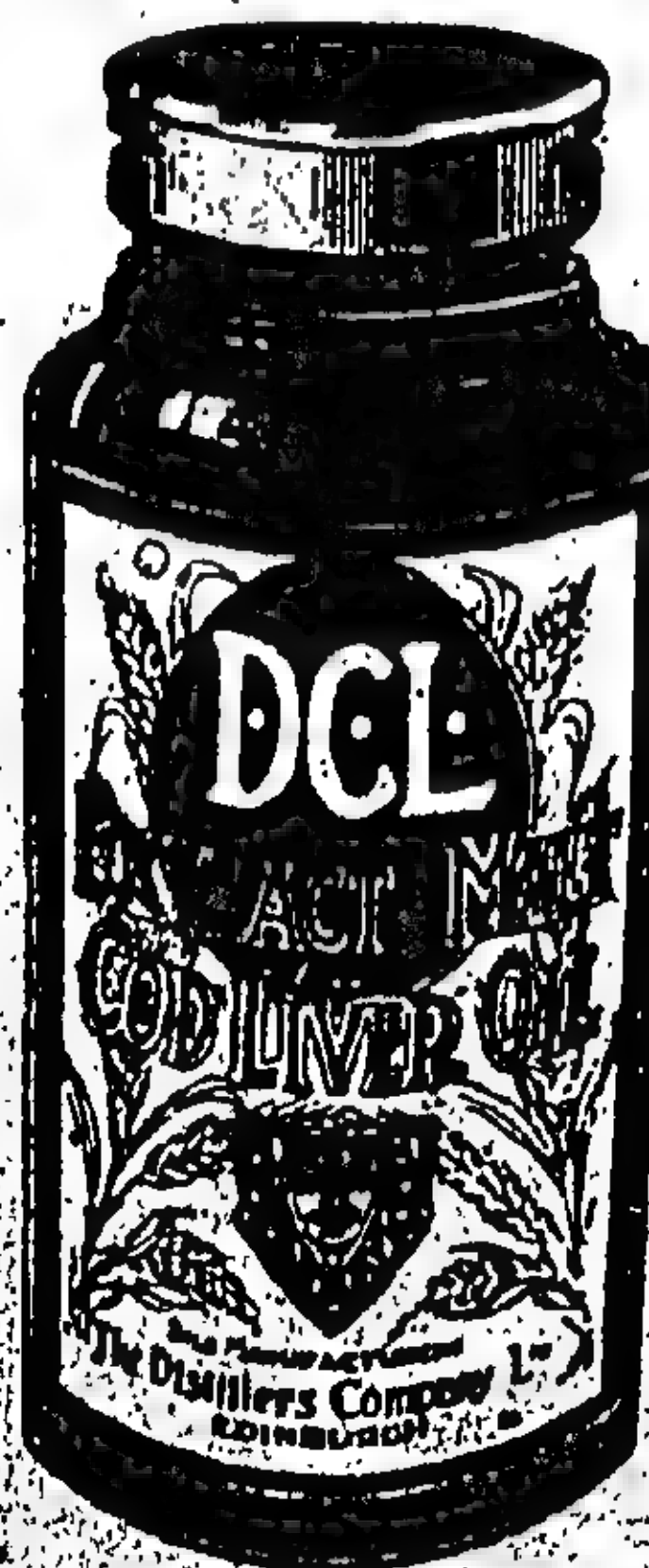
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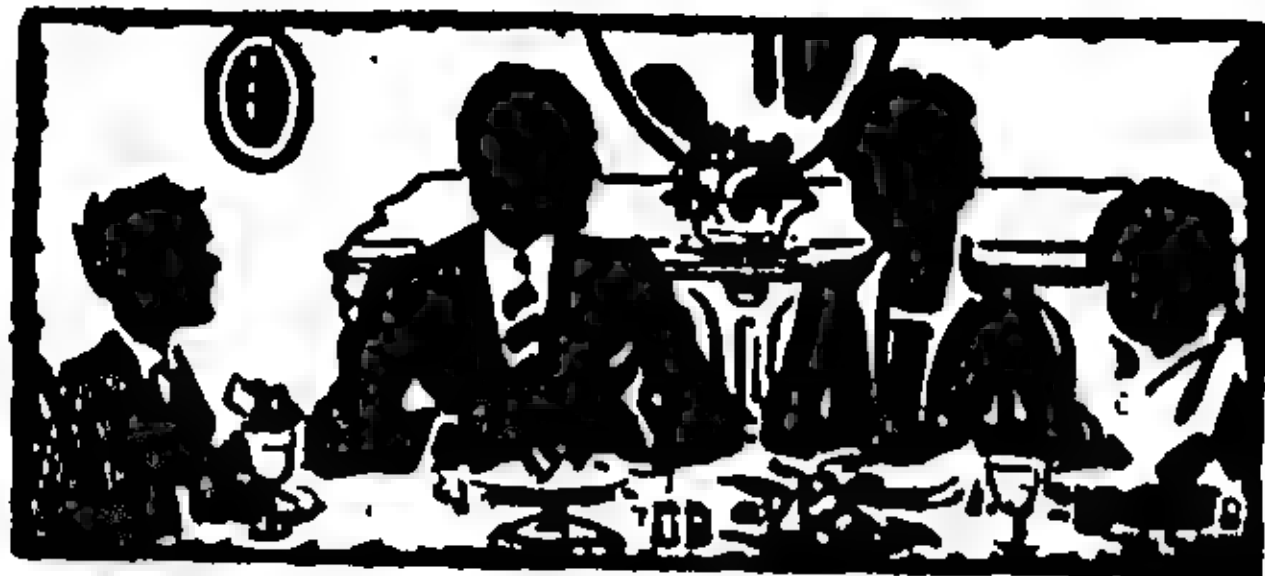
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PROSPECT AND RETROSPECT

(Continued from Page 3.)

The Rebuilding of Europe

More convincing probably to the unbiased observer of international politics than the negative successes of the League of Nations, in stopping a recrudescence of fighting in a war-weary world, was the remarkable constructive work to which I have alluded. The Financial Conference of Brussels in 1920 had far-reaching effects in winning over the majority of European Governments to a system of sound public finance after the inflation and disorganisation of the war period. But its virtues appeared to many theorists. Severely practical was the financial restoration of Austria, begun, after the Allies had despaired of the task, in October 1922, and completed in a couple of years. To this achievement of good European statesmanship, which saved Central Europe from an unknown extent of economic ruin and revolutionary chaos, I trace the beginning of that most encouraging confidence of great British and American financiers in the League, which made it comparatively easy in future for it to raise or guarantee loans for such purposes as the financial rehabilitation of Hungary or the settlement of the refugees in Greece and Bulgaria. The last three years of the League's work have—doubtless as a result of this increased confidence both of financiers, Governments and public opinion—borne valuable fruit in the promotion of co-operation in almost all the spheres in which Governments stand in need of mutual assistance, from the organisation of communications and transit to the mobilisation of medical science in the interests of the health of all nations. The World Economic Conference of 1927 is perhaps the greatest example of this new conception of world-wide co-operation in action. But it by no means stands alone. The International Labour Organisation has been equally active and it can now point to 27 International Conventions which have received 362 ratifications, and at least to as many recommendations accepted in the interests of just and humane conditions of labour, and to 700 laws passed by various national legislatures as the consequence of its endeavours.

Peacetime Co-operation Not Enough

It is not enough to organise the routine of peace. I am the last to depreciate continuous and consistent co-operation by Governments through the League in such matters as through traffic on railways; simplifying Customs formalities; withstanding the spread of disease; the betterment of trade; the protection of any class of human beings which is exploited upon an international scale, or for any such useful purpose. But I cannot believe that even the cumulative result of these useful and necessary measures will suffice to deter nations steeped in age-long rivalries and racial prejudices from going to war, once national passions have been aroused. The knowledge that the League, even as it is at present constituted, provides ample opportunities for seeking a peaceful solution for any international difficulty is, of course, a powerful deterrent to war, provided these alternative methods of settlement are well known to the public and provided they are trusted.

Chief Danger

But it is vital that supporters of the League should not live in a fool's paradise. Let us boldly look the chief danger to the League in the face. How can ordinary people be expected to have that confidence in the League's power to effect a just settlement which some of us have, even if the means of pacific settlement are improved, as I hope to see them improved, so long as Members of the League as a whole, and particularly its most powerful Members, are armed to the teeth? I have been attacked for lack of judgment, because I insist in and out of season upon the need of making Article 8 of the League's Covenant really effective, that is upon reducing the armaments of the world so considerably that all may see that they are not intended for attack according to the old laws of the jungle. But I remain more than ever convinced that what saves the faith of the multitude in the League as it exists after these ten encouraging years of life and work, is the sense that the Governments composing it are sincere, and sincere because they are perpetually prepared for war. There is no need to exaggerate the actual strength of naval, military or air armaments of a particular Power. It is perfectly true that the British Army, for instance, has been reduced even compared with its pre-war standard. Even though concrete expression has yet to be given to the abandonment of rivalry between the British and American fleets, which in their heart of hearts all good Britons and all good Americans desire, still something has been done in

that direction by the Washington Treaties and we have declared definitely against competition with America. I know, too, that the numbers of the conscript armies of France, Belgium and several other European states have been reduced. But I believe a skilled and observant critic could point to increases in efficiency which for strategic purposes more than make up for any diminution in numbers or is abundantly true of the air forces of the size of the ships. This is the world, where the danger to be feared comes not so much from number and size of aeroplanes as from the increase in speed and horse-power during the last two years. It is no exaggeration, to say that there is a beginning of a race in air armaments, at least so far as quality and technique are concerned, very comparable to the old race in naval armaments.

The Acid Test

To renounce war as an instrument of national policy and thereby to fortify very greatly the Covenant system for the prevention of war is all to the good. But, as has been said often enough on both sides of the Atlantic, reduction of armaments is undoubtedly the acid test of sincerity for countries that accept the Kellogg Pact. It is, therefore, to my mind; useless for the League of Nations to multiply its efforts for the best possible organisation of the community of nations in peacetime, if the moral foundation upon which it rests is constantly to be undermined by a suspicion of insincerity among the ordinary men and women of the world; the more so, as all governmental organisations are only too apt to be suspected of a lack of simplicity in purpose and of ulterior motives.

It is now an old story how, since 1921, we have laboured in one Commission after another, under the League of Nations, to bring about a general treaty or a reduction and limitation of armaments by international agreement, which is the only way by which armaments can be effectively reduced. The Preparatory Disarmament Commission, created two years ago, has done much and may do much more. Among the Governments of Continental Powers who have become devoted to the conscript system, there is already a welcome disposition to reduce the number of men engaged upon military service at any given time and consequently the number who would form the effective National Army in an emergency, by reducing the period of service. In this direction, that is, in the gradual diminution of the annual contingent of recruits; in the reduction of the period of service; and in the restriction of military budgets and war material, there is real hope of progress. The ideal military organisation of Europe would be the universal adoption of something like the Swiss system of a Civic Militia, which, though useful for the actual defence of territory, has never been and will never be a menace to any of its neighbours.

It is, I know, the avowed policy of Great Britain to bring about such an agreement between America and the other Naval Powers as will provide only for a real equality between the British and American fleets, but for the reduction of all classes of naval vessels. Not only will such an agreement have great intrinsic value; its importance as an example for military and air reductions can hardly be overestimated. For naval disarmament by itself is no solution of the problem. Who is there who believes that the reduction of British and American fleets would by itself make peace more secure? Its importance from the point of view of world peace is not that it will secure peace, but that without it we cannot get that general reduction of armaments which will do so. Once Britain and America are agreed, they can use their great influence to bring about the lessening of the forces of land and air. It may well be that their co-operation might banish aeroplanes from private warfare and leave them reserved to the maintenance of peace and order on behalf of international authority.

There is no difficulty in formulating our adequate programme of international disarmament. The great problem is to get it adopted. The policy laid down for Great Britain at Geneva is adequate and inspiring. If we succeed in advancing arbitration in realising a combination of the Kellogg Pact with the Covenant, in making effective the Finnish proposal for financial assistance in time of war, in remodelling the German proposal for providing better means for the prevention of war, in doing something to control the manufacture and traffic in arms, and finally in drafting a skeleton Treaty of Disarmament, much will have been done. Is it too much to ask for the support of all in this great and beneficent task?

(Signed) Cecil.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

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The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres:—
1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.
7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

9 p.m.—Evening General Programme (Columbia Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Music Co., Ltd.).

"Melodious Memories" (Pot-Pourri), Regal Cinema Orchestra. Dance Music.

9.20 p.m.—"The Gondoliers" (Gilbert & Sullivan), Vocal Gems. Columbia Light Opera Company. Dance Music.

9.45 p.m.—"Gaily Echoes" (Carroll & Macken), Horns, Puck and His Orchestra. Dance Music.

10.10 p.m.—News Bulletin. "Les Millions D'Arlequin—Serenade", Violin Solo, Efrim Zimbalist. Dance Music.

10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme of Chinese Music (Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Sinophone Co.).
11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Holy Communion at Peak Church, 8 a.m.
Military Service, 9.30 a.m.
Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Sunday School at Peak School, 10 a.m.
Matins, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.
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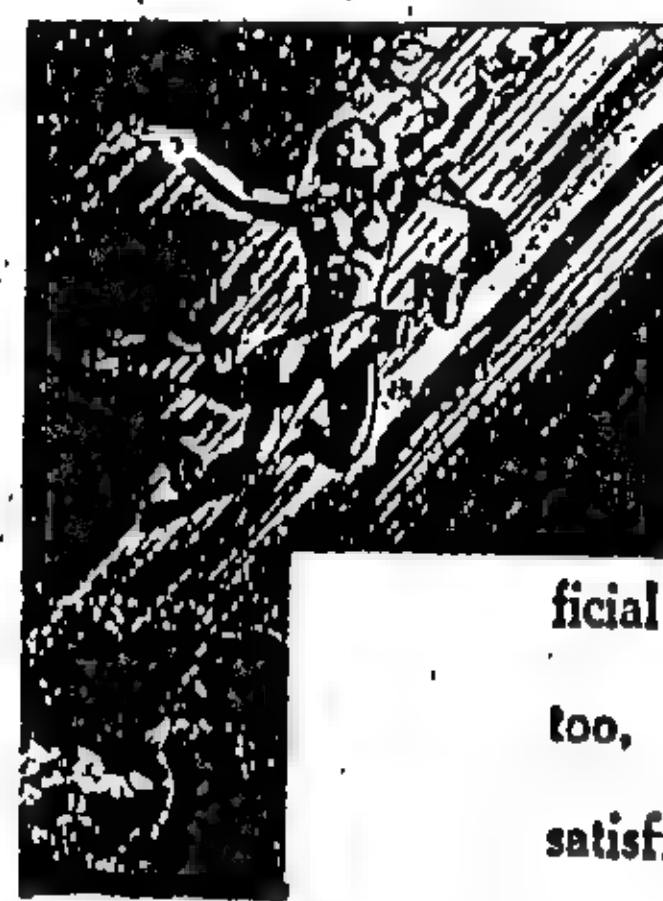
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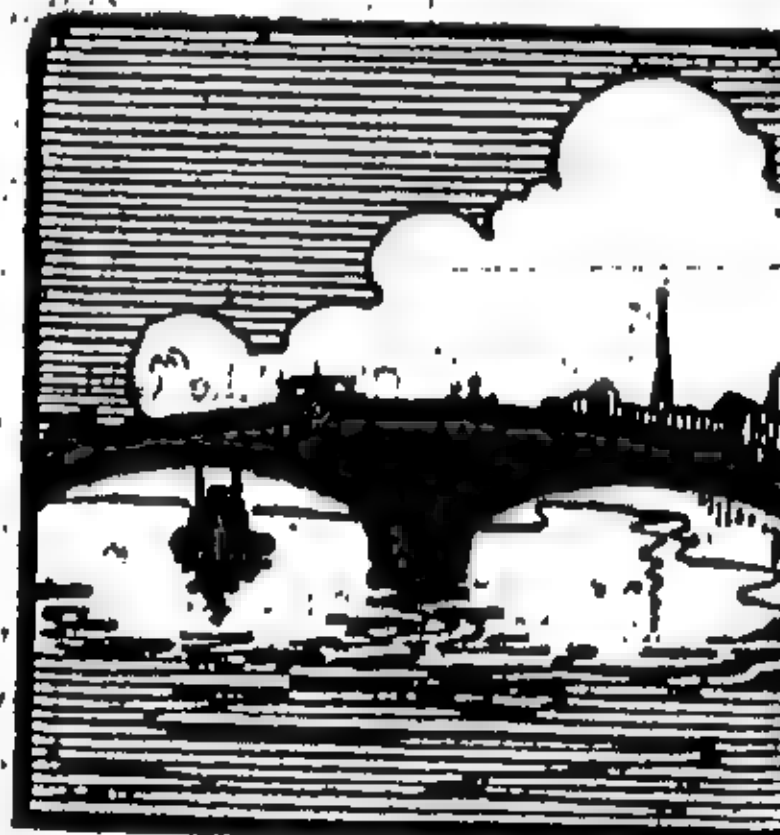
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WATER RETURN

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on October 1, 1929:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

	1928	1929
Tytam Intermediate	18' 1" B	6' 2" B
Tytam Byewash	15' 0" B	17' 9" B
Tytam Intermediate	14' 0" B	5' 11" B
Tytam Tuk	15' 8" B	19' 7" B
Wong Nei Chung	16' 8" B	1' 2" B
Pokfulam	16' 7" B	1' 2" B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow."]

Storage in million and decimals of gallons.

	1928	1929
Tytam Intermediate	248.85	333.15
Tytam Byewash	5.00	4.02
Tytam Intermediate	195.90	195.90
Tytam Tuk	1,099.00	1,274.02
Wong Nei Chung	13.88	17.95
Pokfulam	30.80	63.20

Total 1,593.84 1,889.20

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of September.

	1928	1929
Consumption	281.63	289.54
Estimated population	425,080	436,000
Consumption per head per day	22.0	18.2

From 1st to 8th inclusive a 12 hours supply (6 a.m.—6 p.m.) was given to all Rider Main Districts. Principal Mains closed 6 p.m.—6 a.m. From 9th to 30th inclusive a 15 hours supply (6 a.m.—9 p.m.) was

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KOWLOON WATER WORKS

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir	2' 2" A	3' 0" A
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	0' 2" B	6' 0" B
Reception Reservoir	0' 1" B	L
Storage in million and decimals of gallons		
Kowloon Reservoir	1928	1929
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	375.84	385.00
Reception Reservoir	115.42	93.00
Reception Reservoir	32.93	33.15

Total 524.19 511.15

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of September.

	1928	1929
Consumption	111.55	110.56
Estimated population	169,960	172,000
Consumption per head per day	22.3	23.2

Constant Supply in all districts during September 1928 and 1929.

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BOXING PROMOTION

REFERENCE TO PRE-WAR TIMES HERE

ASSOCIATION'S MEETING

"It will be a great loss if boxing in the Colony receded to the position which ruled before the War," said Mr. G. G. N. Tinson yesterday at the 10th annual meeting of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. He spoke in seconding the motion of the Chairman, Mr. R. M. Dyer, that the report and accounts be adopted. Mr. Tinson was referring to the poor finances and pleaded for more support for the best seats at tournaments. From bitter experience, he said, the Committee had learned that the Theatre (Royal) was the best venue but it was small and did not hold too many \$1 seats.

Mr. Dyer, who presided, said:—The General Committee regret that the accounts show the Association to be in a very poor financial condition. The tournament account which should be and has been in the past our main source of profit shows a loss of the substantial sum of \$284.39 as against last year's profit of \$664.00—a difference of \$1,651.05. The surplus on the general account is also less by \$238.76 than last year.

Lack of Support

The cause of this regrettable state of affairs is due to the lack of support given by the general public to the Association's tournaments during the season under review. The houses were poor and there was a particular falling off in the attendances in the ring side seats.

In the opinion of the General Committee the standard of boxing was well maintained during the season, and there appears to be no good reason to explain this lack of support. We can only hope that the coming season will show a great improvement in attendances at the tournaments, without which it will be impossible to continue the activities of the Association.

The General Committee believe that the Association is of considerable value to the Services and the public in general, and I for one should be very glad if it was found necessary to shut down.

Good Material

The Association during most of last season were without the services of their energetic and efficient manager, Mr. J. Brook, who was taken ill and had to go away to recuperate. We are glad to know that he has returned in good health and with renewed vigour and keenness. A successful season will be largely due to him.

There is plenty of good material for contests in the Colony, and any one who desires to put the gloves on in public should communicate with the manager, who will do every thing possible to find him a suitable opponent.

At the last annual meeting I said we hoped to stage a benefit tournament for the dependents of Stoker Morris. It is to be regretted that lack of support made this impossible, but the General Committee will consider carrying out that object this season if circumstances allow.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts for the year ended June 30, 1929, as presented be adopted and I shall be much obliged if some member will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the report and accounts may be raised. The motion was carried unanimously.

Officers Elected

Officers were elected as follows:—
Chairman: Mr. R. M. Dyer.
Vice-Chairman: Mr. J. Scott Harston.
General Committee: Messrs. S. J. Clarke, W. Logan, C. Bond, W. Ward, H. G. Sheldon and nominations from Hong Kong Police (1), Royal Navy (3), the Army (3).
Official Referee: Mr. A. Murdoch.
Manager: Mr. J. Brook.
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer: Mr. T. G. Bennett.

First Tournament

On the meeting being declared open for discussion, Mr. Brook announced that Iron Box had written from Manila offering to send over six boxers who each wanted \$300 win, lose or draw, 2nd class passage and hotel expenses and 25 per cent. of the gross gate receipts.

The meeting was adverse to the percentage takings.
A discussion was then held in Committee. The first tournament of the season will be held on November 1st. Names should be sent to Mr. Brook, Vacuum Oil Co.

JAPANESE TENNIS

CONCLUSION OF THREE DAYS' TOURNAMENT

HARADA'S SECOND SUCCESS

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The three days' Franco-Japanese tennis tournament has concluded.

Naoji Harada, a younger brother of the Davis Cup player, beat Rodel, 6-2, 8-10, 6-0.
Makino beat Landry, 6-4, 4-6, 8-6.

Cochet and Brugnon beat Shimizu and Fukuda, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.
Harada and Makino are undergraduates of the Keio and Commercial Universities, respectively.

[The previous day, Harada (senior) beat Cochet, and Jiro Sato beat Brugnon.]

GOLF

THE ADAMSON CUP FOR OCTOBER

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's contest for the Adamson Cup from October 4 to 15 resulted:—

S. Stacey (Qualifies) 94-24=71
A. Brookbank 89-18=71
J. H. Gelling 98-24=74

Starting Times

The starting times for tomorrow are:—
9.12 a.m. F. Lobel, S. T. Butlin.
9.24 " A. G. Coppin, J. S. Drummond.

9.28 " A. D. Coppin, F. M. Ellis.
9.32 " K. S. Robertson, C. E. Moore.

9.36 " K. S. Morrison, D. J. Gilmore.
9.40 " E. D. Black, E. D. Lawrence.

9.44 " G. S. Archbutt, J. W. Alabaster.
9.48 " C. W. Jeffries, G. B. S. Thomson.

9.52 " A. C. I. Bowker, E. Syme Thomson.
9.56 " J. R. Hinton, J. R. Collier.

10.00 " B. H. C. Hollowes, G. W. Reeve.
10.04 " A. E. Lissaman, A. O. Brown.

10.08 " H. Spicer, H. U. Ireland.
10.12 " E. des Voeux, A. B. Purves.

10.16 " M. G. Mills, D. Ellis.
10.20 " J. W. Thayer, A. Piercy.
10.24 " J. Harrop, W. L. Alexander.

10.28 " A. D. Humphreys, O. Eager.
10.32 " K. L. Dugan, Major Benish.

10.36 " R. K. Hepburn, G. W. Tate.
10.40 " W. A. Butterfield, J. P. Sherry.

10.44 " O. D. Brown, J. H. Ralke.
10.48 " F. G. Fowle, D. E. Clark.

10.52 " W. G. Lorimer, J. Forbes.

CHESS CLUB

SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL YEAR REPORTED

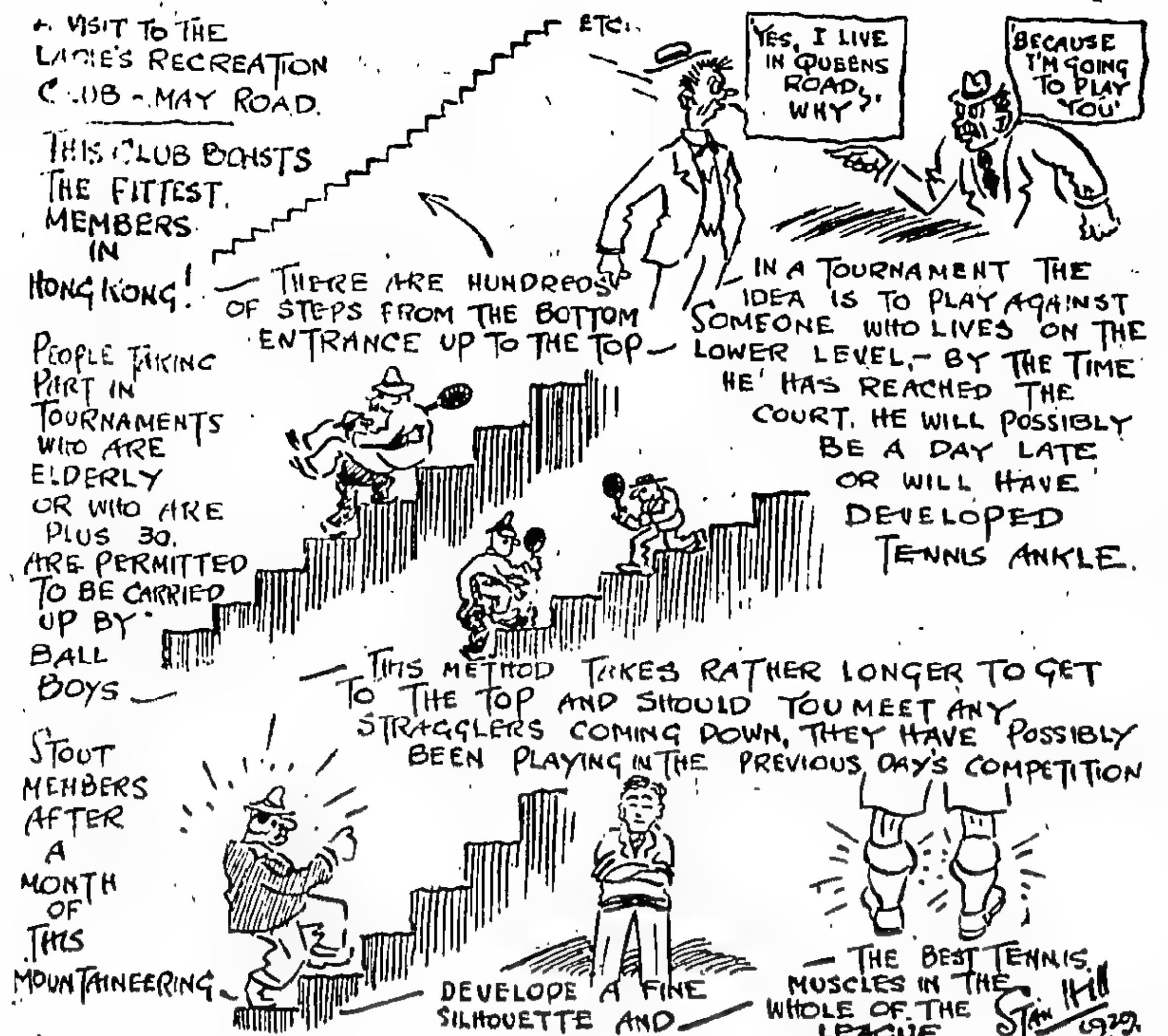
The annual meeting of the Kowloon Chess Club was held at the Central British School last evening under the chairmanship of Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale. There was a good attendance of members.

The chairman eulogised the work of the committee in placing the club on such a strong basis, and congratulated the Hon. Treasurer for the very satisfactory financial statement presented by him.

After the report and accounts had been duly adopted the fol-

lowing officers were elected for the ensuing year:—
President: Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale; Vice President, Mr. J. S. Smith; Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. E. Wong; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. G. Hayes; Captain, Mr. H. W. Randall; Committee, Messrs. D. E. Carvalho, C. M. Sequeira and B. Soltau.
A vote of thanks to the chairman for the able way in which he conducted the meeting and for the interest he had taken in the club's affairs in the past, concluded the meeting.

TENNIS MUSCLE.—Where and How to Develop It.



TENNIS

FIRST ROUND OF OPEN MIXED DOUBLES

The first round in the open Mixed Doubles Championship of the Colony, run under the auspices of the Chinese Recreation Club, has just been completed, the results being as follows:—

Mrs. Chiu and Ho Ka-lau beat Mrs. James and A. D. Humphreys 6-3, 6-2.
Mrs. Sayer and E. C. Fincher beat Miss G. Lo and M. W. Lo 6-3, 6-4.

Mrs. McCaw and T. Lay beat Mr. and Mrs. Hamblis 6-3, 6-4.
Mrs. Tottenham and Major Lucas beat Mrs. Adams and A. H. Crook 6-0, 6-1.

Mrs. Taylor and J. S. McEachran beat Mrs. Miles and L. Goldman 4-6, 8-6, 6-4.
Mrs. Bradbury and H. Lo beat Miss Hume and G. W. Sewell 7-5, 0-6, 6-4.

Mrs. Gull and H. D. Rumjahn beat Miss C. Botelho and S. A. Rumjahn 6-3, 6-2.

Second Round

The placements of surviving pairs in the second round are:—
(1) Miss E. Lo and M. K. Lo v.
(2) Mrs. Chiu Chiu-chiu and Ho Ka-lau.

(3) Mrs. Sayer and E. C. Fincher v.
(4) Mrs. McCaw and T. Lay.
(5) Mrs. Gull and H. D. Rumjahn v.
(6) Mrs. Tottenham and Major Lucas.

(7) Mrs. Taylor and J. S. McEachran v.
(8) Mrs. Bradbury and H. Lo.

Y.M.C.A. SINGLES

Finalists in the Kowloon—Tennis Tournament

The final of the European Y.M.C.A. Tennis Tournament was decided at Kowloon yesterday afternoon. The finalists being Staff Sergt. Hardy, R.A.O.C., and Serjt.-Major Atkinson.

Play was fast throughout with some thrilling exchanges. Hardy started shakily and lost the first set badly by 1-6. He recovered after this, and in spite of tough opposition he went on to win the other two sets by scores of 6-4 in each case.

Cups were presented to the finalists at the conclusion of the game by Mr. W. L. Patterson.

There will possibly be very few changes in either the Irish or Scottish teams, although the latter will sadly miss J. M. Bannerman, who has gone to America for a year.

Both G. P. S. Macpherson and Ian Smith are expected to play another season at least, and this means much to the team, for this pair "came back" just in time in the last English match to regain championship honours for their country.

George Stephenson, who, although the record holder of "caps," is not by any means a veteran, is expected to lead Ireland again, and he may yet attain his ambition of leading his team to victory over all the other nations, especially as they will meet England at Dublin. Those three great forwards, George Beamish, "Jammy" Clinch, and S. J. Cagney, are already "fighting fit," and they provide a formidable nucleus indeed, while a little bird whispers to me that "Horsey"

RUGBY FOOTBALL

PROSPECTS FOR THE HOME SEASON

There are few "Rugger" men who are not now waiting anxiously for the commencement of the season, which in several centres in the Midlands and the West of England, and in Wales, will not long be delayed, writes C. W. Packford in the "Sporting Life." Already men everywhere are preparing gradually for a strenuous season, for, in these days, players are much keener on the attainment of fitness than they were directly after the war. In many respects the season should be as interesting and as exciting as it was in 1928-1929, when Scotland won the championship "on the post," as it were.

Wales have now definitely established themselves as really serious rivals for the honours, a position they have not occupied since they last won them in 1922. From that year Welsh "Rugger"—I am speaking from the international point of view mainly—was extremely disappointing until twelve months ago, when, after several experiments, they discovered a back division of considerable value, possessing as it did youth, pace, and enterprise.

The renewed association of W. C. Powell and Frank Williams, at half-back; that of J. C. Morley, H. M. Bowcott, Guy Morgan, and John Roberts at three-quarter, with such a reliable full-back behind them as Jock Bassett, might well prove to be the best back division among the four home Unions. And I believe they will all be available. Morgan, by the way, who is the new Cambridge Captain, will assist Guy's Hospital after he "goes down" at Christmas.

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CONDITION AT SEA

MARITIME CONFERENCE EXCLUDES FISHING INDUSTRY

Geneva, Yesterday.
The Committee of the Maritime Conference, in considering the hours of work aboard ship, decided to exclude the fishing industry from the discussions and passed a resolution that the respective Governments should be consulted in regard to defining the normal hours of work and the actual hours of work; overtime compensation for overtime work, and work required for safety.

Reuter.

MOTOR FATALITY

YOUNG FISHERMAN KNOCKED DOWN AT TAIPO

A fatal motor accident has occurred at Taiipo, the victim being a fisherman named Leung Ching (20), who lives in an unnumbered house at Tinkok, Taiipo district.

He was knocked down and killed instantly by a motor lorry on the Main Road near the District Officer's house at 3 p.m., on Thursday.

Yan On, the driver of the lorry, which is owned by the Hung Hing Co., of Taiipo Market, has been arrested.

Browne means to get back into the team at all costs.

England's Hopes

As for England, I shall not be the least surprised to find James Baxter and his colleagues on the Selection Committee fielding the youngest and best fifteen we have had for several years. I am prepared for the "passing" of Cove-Smith and "Joe" Periton, our last two leaders, and possibly of Arthur Young, but our resources at the moment are rather embarrassing.

Tom Brown or J. A. Adamson, at full back; F. M. Heywood, H. E. Carris, G. S. Wilson, G. M. Sladen, C. D. Aarvold, and R. M. Smeddle at three-quarter; H. C. C. Laird, R. S. Spong, W. H. Sobey, S. C. C. Meikle, and E. Richards at half; and E. Coley, T. E. Priest, H. Wilkinson, Norman Mathews, and A. Brigstocke, the last two from the West Country, at forward, are all mere boys, several of whom have yet to be "capped," but each one of whom has strong claims for consideration if all goes well with them.

And then there is "experience" in the persons of A. R. Aslett, J. S. Tucker—the possible new England captain—R. T. Foulds, Webb, T. Coulson, K. J. Stark, who I hope will be as fit as ever after his unfortunate illness last season—and several others.

From these alone England should be able to select a convincing team.

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By George Studdy

World News In Pictures

"Tiger Girl" Caught



Rudolf Heide, son of the "Tiger Girl," who "jumped" bail on a forgery charge, was found in Tulsa, Oklahoma, found that he had not been asleep. She had been in California in charge of the case.

Urged Britain to Quit



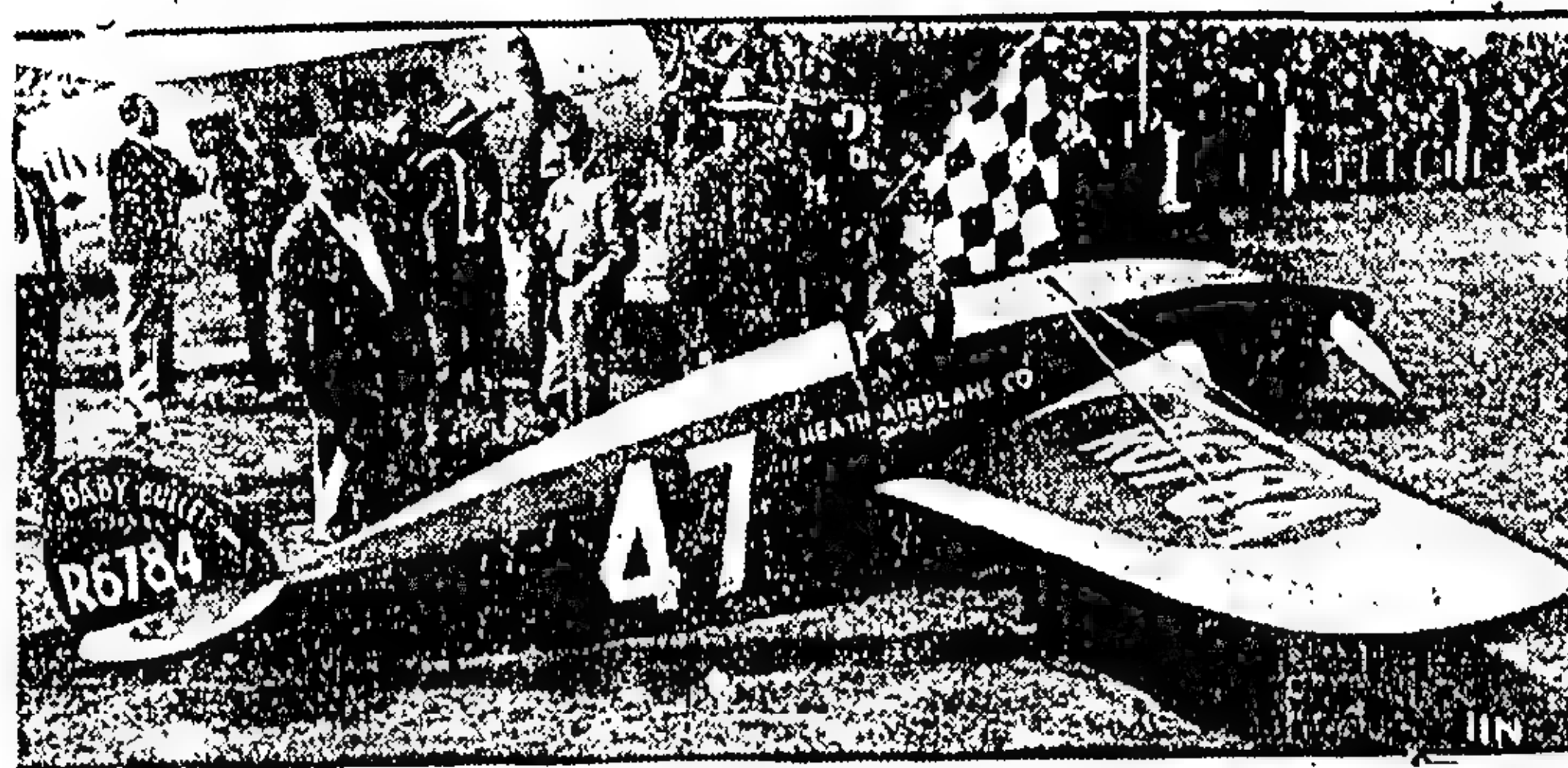
Viscount Rothermere, the British magnate, recently published a signed article in which he advised Britain's withdrawal from Palestine and the abandonment of its mandate. He further stated that the United States is much more attractive to Jews than "the prospect of patriarchal poverty of Palestine."

Won A Title



Josephine McKim, of Hawaii, was crowned the greatest swimsuit model in America in the recent swimming meet held in Honolulu. Miss McKim won the 850-yard, the 440-yard and one mile events, establishing records in the last two. She wears the "Hawaiian garlands of leis" of the native islanders.

Smallest Plane at Air Races



One of the most novel planes exhibited at the Cleveland air races was the tiny monoplane owned by E. B. Heath, who piloted it for two victories against larger machines. Note the height of the plane from the ground in comparison to the man holding the starting flag. It is not improbable that within a few years these single passenger planes will be plentiful in the sky.

How the "Graf Zeppelin" Landed

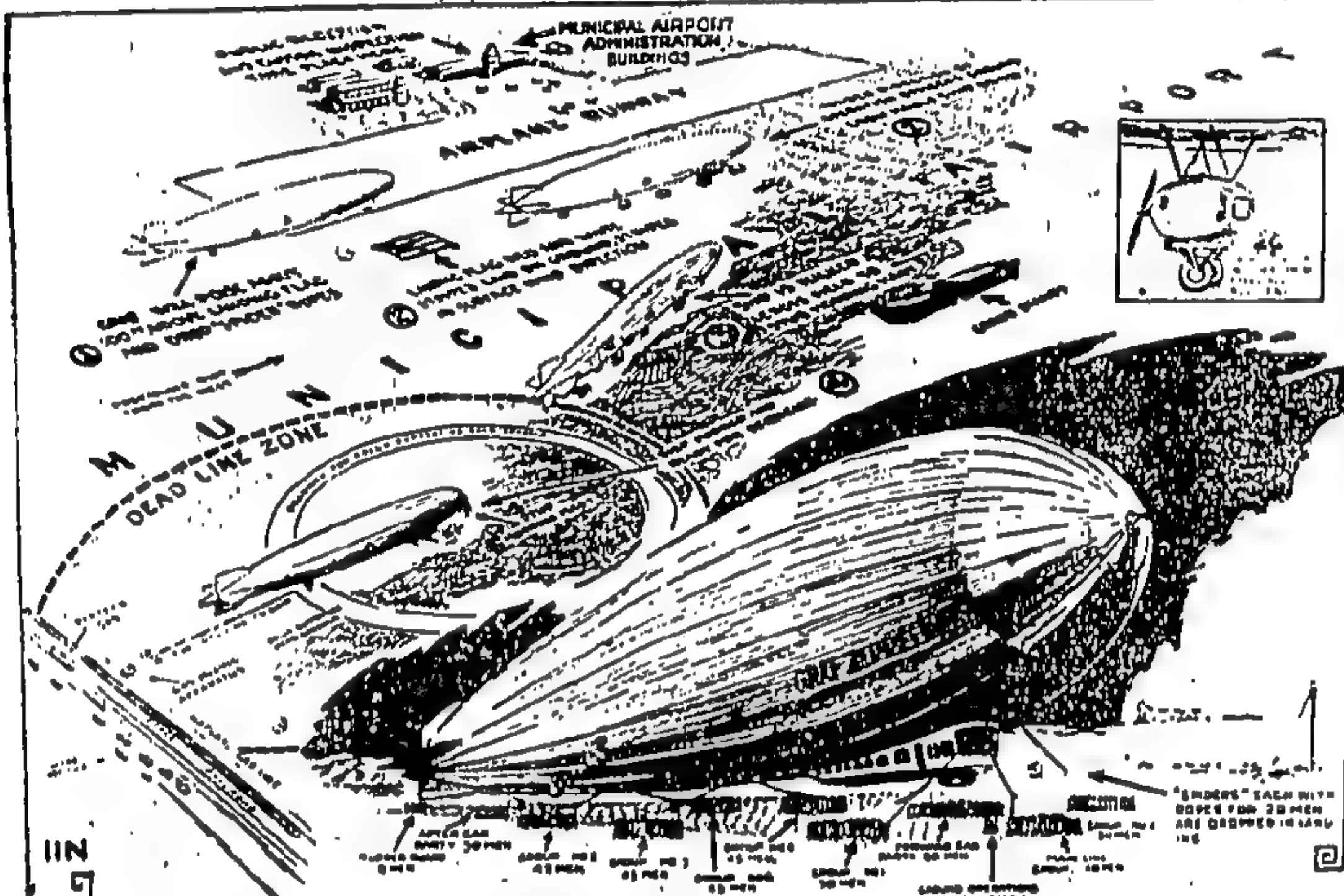


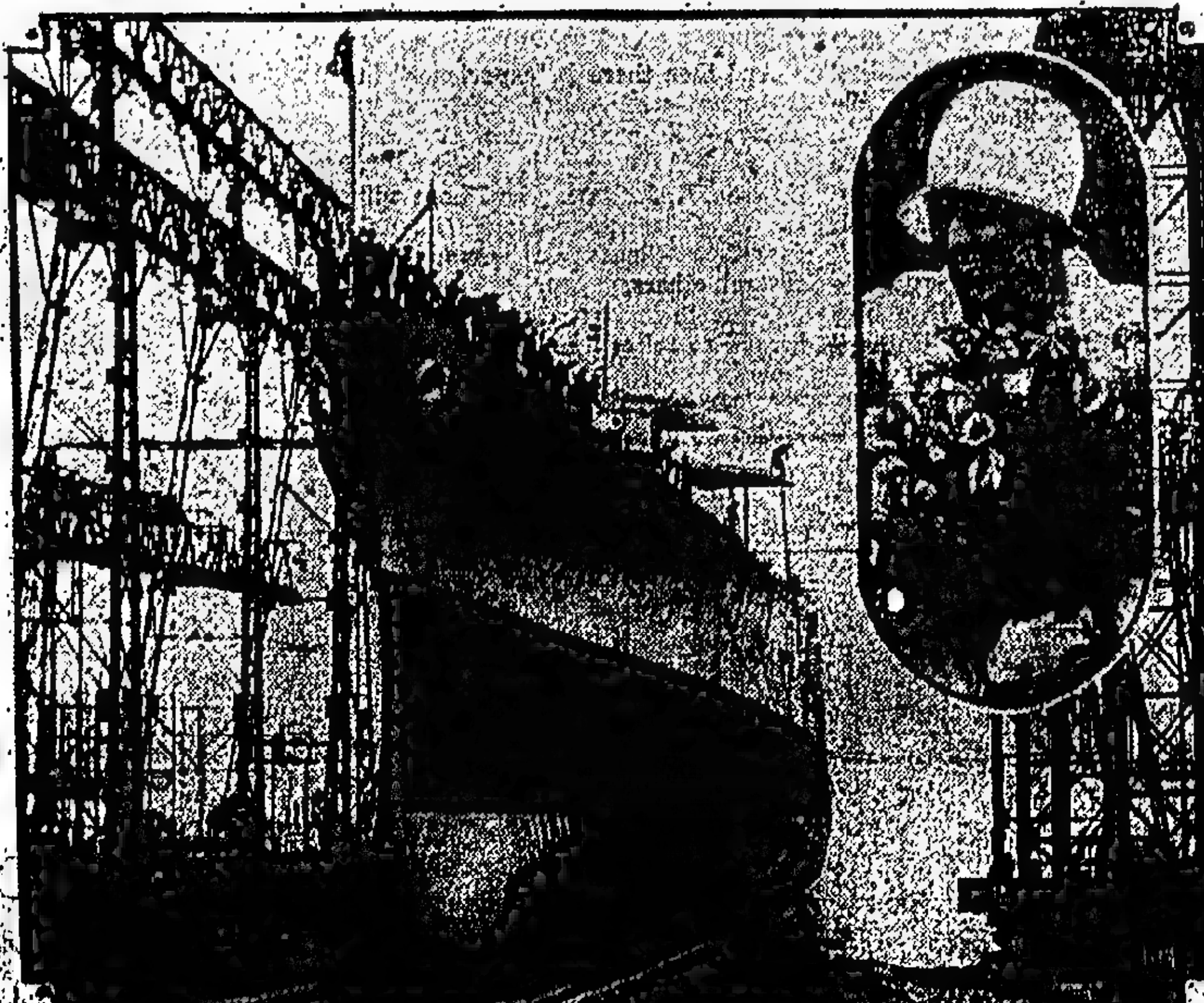
Diagram showing how the dirigible "Graf Zeppelin" approached and landed at Mines Field in Los Angeles after her flight across the Pacific from Tokyo. This was the first stopping point on the round-the-world cruise, where it was necessary to moor the giant craft to a mast.

"Sud Americano" Wins Lifeboat Race



The crew from the "Sud Americano" won the international lifeboat race in New York harbour, outdistancing their rivals by two lengths. Inset shows Chief Officer Storning, who acted as captain of the winning boat.

Mrs. Coolidge Christens a Cruiser



Mrs. Calvin Coolidge (last) wife of the former President, recently christened the U.S.S. "Northampton," the latest and most powerful addition to the United States Navy. The launching took place at the Fore River Shipbuilding plant, at Fore River, Massachusetts.

Jewish Beauty Mobbed



Miss Lili Goldhaber, of Austria, who won the title of "Miss Universe" at a beauty contest, was the centre of an anti-Jewish riot in Bucharest, Roumania, and narrowly escaped serious injury.

Leads Bombay Workers



Mrs. Ushabai Dange, wife of the well-known Communist leader of Bombay, India, has been elected Vice-President of the Cini Kamgar Union which controls the striking textile workers of Bombay.

Had Long Service



Rear-Admiral H. A. Wiley was one of the four admirals mentioned by William Shearer in his recent statements concerning a navy lobby, which is to be immediately investigated by a Senate Commission at the instance of President Hoover.

In Moslem War



Sir John Robert, Chancellor, British High Commissioner to Palestine, apparently had his hands full with the raiding Arabs who started a holy war in Jerusalem and its suburbs.

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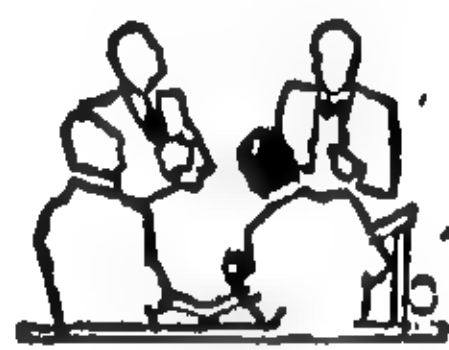
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At the Jamboree

A FEW HOURS AT ARROWE PARK

THE SCOUTS' SONG

The experience of an American at the Jamboree is worth reproducing. He writes:

It did not occur to us until we arrived that we had chosen Aug. 4 for our brief visit to Arrowe Park, the day on which, 15 years before, the World War broke out. That, in itself, was sufficient to add deep meaning to the event, for now, instead of nations armed one against another, a great camp of men and boys from every country of the globe, stretched before us in the universal desire for brotherhood and lasting peace. The Scouts have beaten the spears of war into staves of useful endeavor and helpfulness.

We arrived early on a morning of wind and sunshine, following heavy rain, hoping to be admitted before the official opening at noon, as we had but a few hours to spare, but the Warden, though polite, was adamant, and we were obliged to perch ourselves on a narrow wooden duck run at the entrance and wait for over an hour in a sea of mud, while Scouts of all nationalities passed and repassed like swarms of bees before a hive—black bees, brown bees, yellow bees, white bees, all busy and all happy, slithering, sliding, squeaking through that amazing mass of soft earth.

"Pretty thick, isn't it, sir?" observed a tall lad to a Scout Master. "I don't know which is the worst, the mud that drags your shoes off or the mud that gets inside them!"

A Sea of Mud

One ingenious American boy hitched his feet to two square

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA

Have you a chum in another country? How would you like to correspond with a Brother Scout or a Sister Guide abroad?

I want to help you to know friends who are thousands of miles away or may be within a stone's throw of your own town.

If any Scouts or Guides would like to have a pen friend, please communicate with me—"Old Scout" c/o "The China Mail"—and I shall be glad to help you.

biscuit tins and made excellent headway up the steep slope that led to the market, while others took to stilts, and many discarded shoes and stockings altogether and paddled.

Finally, at noon, came our orders to form "two-deep" before the box office, but the crowd of patient waiters was by now too large to get into any kind of formation, and the only thing that obeyed the command was the mud which was already much "too deep" for comfort! And so, with one big push, we wedged ourselves through the barrier and were inside at last.

The Scouts were preparing their mid-day meal. Each little tent had its little earth hole wherein smouldered logs of wood and its pot of food, swinging in the flames. A little farther on a small dark boy was showing much concern over a very large pan of rice which apparently would not cook. He dived his little fingers under the lid every other minute and placed a few grains of rice in the palm of his dusky hand, shaking his head. At the next tent some older Indian Scouts were making pancakes with much skill and offering them to the passers-by.

The Scouts' Song

The day's program told of delightful entertainments to come, but our few brief hours were spent, and reluctantly we had to say good-by. We left to the strains of a song rising very loudly from a tent to the accompaniment of spoons beating on mugs. We could not catch the words, but each verse—and there were many—ended with

"Jamboree, jamboree, Jam, jam, jam, JAM, JAMB!" the sound increasing in volume until it rose into a mighty roar.

On Sunday, Aug. 11, a people's service of thanksgiving and prayer for the gift of Scout ideal was held in the Liverpool Cathedral, which, like the Scout Brotherhood, is also young. This service was followed by the service of welcome to the Scouts of all the world. Probably no more stirring hymn has even been sung in a cathedral "before than that which rose on boys' voices between the mighty columns and arches to the tune of "John Brown." Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord," followed at the conclusion by the words: "Go forth into the world in peace: be of good courage—hold fast that which is good—render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all men."

ROUND THE CAMP FIRE

THE SCOUT'S SECOND LAW

Jack And Jill Go Scouting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(By Rosalee Hawthorne)

It was the fifth day of school and for the fifth time Jack and Jill saw that Nikolaievitch failed to salute the flag or to repeat the Pledge of Allegiance. The other fifth graders noticed the omission, also, and frowned resentfully at the Russian boy who had been assigned to their room on the first day of school. Miss Ryman, the teacher, did not seem to be aware of this unpatriotic behavior on the part of Nikolaievitch, although usually nothing that occurred in the room escaped her attention.

The flag ceremony was the first event of the morning. After it was over Miss Ryman announced that the Fifth Grade would go on a nature-study hike and picnic the following morning. In the excitement over this happy prospect, the fifth graders forgot the new pupil and his lack of respect for the flag. Nikolaievitch listens eagerly.

As Miss Ryman went on to tell of the interesting things they would do on the hike, the blue eyes of Nikolaievitch grew wide with eager wonder. But no one paid any attention to him, and at recess, when all of the other children were gathered in excited groups making plans for the picnic hike, the little Russian boy was left by himself in a corner of the playgrounds. That was better, however, than what usually happened at recess.

Because Nikolaievitch was unable to speak plain English and made many funny mistakes and wore queer, baggy clothes, some of the thoughtless boys teased him and called him Itchy-Vitchy instead of being kind and friendly and trying to make these first days in America happier for the stranger. Which was even worse than being left alone!

Suddenly Jill spied him kicking dejectedly at the slide with the stubby toe of his boot, and turned impulsively to Jack.

"Jack, that new boy looks dreadfully lonely and left out over there all by himself when everyone else is having such a good time planning for the picnic. Let's go over and talk to him and ask him if he'd like to go along with us."

"No sirree!" Jack protested

heatedly. "You don't see me asking anybody to go with us who won't salute the flag or say the Pledge of Allegiance. If he won't be loyal to our country he needn't expect me to be friends with him."

Jill pondered for a moment. Then she said, "I wonder if it isn't just as unloyal for us to let him think Americans aren't kind, and friendly as it is for him not to salute our flag."

"I never thought of that," admitted Jack.

"A Scout is Loyal!" "I might not have, either, if our captain hadn't talked at our last troop meeting about the second law, 'A Scout is loyal.' She said that the best way to show our loyalty to our country is by living up to our Scout laws and being the best citizens we can be, because a country is judged by its people. Then she read something out of the Boy Scout Handbook about showing good will and brotherliness to new citizens."

"Why, I read that, too, but some way I never connected it with Nik," observed Jack. "Say, I guess you're right, Jill. If we let him get the wrong idea of our country we aren't living up to our second law. Let's start in right now to show him that Americans are kind and friendly."

So Jack and Jill hurried over to where Nikolaievitch was standing and asked him if he would go with them to the picnic. The boy's face glowed with happy anticipation as they made plans for him to meet them at their house, where the school bus would stop for all three of them. Then the bell rang and they went back to the schoolroom. That afternoon Jack and Jill talked the matter over with some of their schoolmates, who finally agreed to make a special effort to be friendly to Nik at the picnic.

The next morning brought perfect picnic weather, and Jack and Jill waited eagerly for Nik and the school bus which was to take them as far as the canyon where the hike was to begin. Presently the school bus came around the corner—and Nik was not yet there! Jack and Jill searched the street with frantic eyes, but there was no Russian boy in sight. The bus drew up in front

of their house and the gayly chattering children hailed the twins exuberantly.

"Hurry up! Jump in!" they clamored, bouncing excitedly up and down.

"We said we'd wait for Nik, and he isn't here yet," Jack told their impatient schoolmates.

"Oh, you should worry about Itchy-Vitchy," scoffed one boy. "We can get along without him. Hurry up. Come on, or you'll miss all the fun."

A New Friend Won

Jack and Jill looked at each other for a moment in hesitation. Then through their minds flashed the words, "A Scout is loyal—trustworthy—a friend to all." With lifted heads they voiced their decision.

"We said we'd wait for him," said Jill. "So we can't go on without him," said Jack.

"If he comes within 15 minutes you can take the canyon bus and get there as soon as we do," said the bus driver. "I have several more stops to make."

The bus drove on. The street seemed very quiet. Minutes passed.

"It was the only right thing to do," said Jill.

"If he had come and found us gone it would give him a terrible idea of Scouts and Americans," said Jack.

And then around the corner dashed Nik, puffing and anxious-eyed. "My father he need help. I stay by him till he finish. I think maybe I get left. Has school wagon go by?"

"Yes, but if we run for the canyon bus we can get there in time yet," said Jack.

They raced to the corner, just caught the bus and reached the canyon in time to join the other boys and girls for the hike. True to their word, most of the children were kind and friendly to Nik, and his blue eyes sparkled with happiness.

"I think America one fine place," he exclaimed on the way home after a joyous morning in the mountains among friendly boys and girls.

"Oh, it is!" came the twins' proud response.

On the following Monday morning the Fifth Grade arose as usual for the flag ceremony. Then to the surprise of all, a foreign voice boomed out above the others in a fervent struggle to repeat the Pledge of Allegiance. And with happy hearts Jack and Jill saw Nikolaievitch salute their flag! America had won a new friend!

who his acquaintance was, "B.P." took it all as a compliment. But he quickly discovered that the Boer's good opinion did not extend to the Boy Scouts. "Oh, no," he implored, don't have anything to do with them; they are downright bad—headed by a general, and going to make all the boys into soldiers."

Most of our industrial troubles come from the selfishness of parties, creeds, and classes. If this could be eliminated, and replaced by good will and co-operation, it would mean peace and contentment, increased prosperity and happiness all round.

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One of the most precious possessions of men and women and boys and girls is liberty. Our forefathers fought and died that they might have it, and we become indignant at any attempt to remove our freedom from us. But what is this thing called liberty that we all want? Perhaps you say that liberty is being able to do anything you want. But is it? Perhaps you want to pick up a stone and toss it through a window, but if you do, you will soon discover that you can't "get away" with things like that. On all sides are "Keep Off the Grass" signs, "No Trespassing" signs, "Park Behind Here" signs—all curtailing our liberty. Curtailing it? Perhaps, but only so that we can really enjoy liberty. Certain laws and regulations are absolutely necessary when many people live close together, and we must all learn to obey them. In so doing, we safeguard our real liberty—the right to live peacefully and happily together.

Girl Guides' Grotto

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Would you like to have a letter come to you all the way across the ocean with an American stamp on the outside, and inside news of what a American Girl Scout is doing and thinking? American Girl Scouts are anxious to become acquainted with you and to exchange ideas and news with you. If any Girl Guide would like to start a correspondence with a Girl Scout she should get in touch with "Old Scout" care of the "China Mail."

The Guides of Poland The story of how Guiding came to Poland is an heroic one. It did not begin with a big public meeting, under the patronage of influential people. It began in secret, and had to be carried on surreptitiously. Some of the tales of adventure of the Polish Scouts and Guides read like a page from a story of unexplored times. In 1785 Poland did not exist on the map at all. She had fallen a victim to her neighbour, Austria. Until a few years ago the girls and women of Poland were not allowed to indulge in any form of outdoor sport, but the Guides are now making up for what their mothers missed. Weaving, wood carving, and embroidery are the chief Guide handicrafts.

A Birthday Party July 6 was the seventh birthday of the Queensland (Australia) Auchenflower Girl Guide Company, and it was celebrated by a real birthday party. The birthday cake, the gift of the captain, with its seven candles, was decorated in green, white, and gold, the company's colours. During the

OUR SYMPATHY

For Col. And Mrs. Christian

On behalf of the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts in Hong Kong, the "Old Scout" extends heartfelt sympathy to Col and Mrs. Christian on the death of their daughter, Dulcie, last Saturday.

Miss Dulcie Christian, who was only 18 years of age, was very popular and was a leading member of the Local Guides Movement. Her untimely death came as a shock to all of us and although she is gone, her memory will be for ever with us.

Afternoon, in order to raise patrol funds, the Kookaburras sold first aid and during outfalls, and the Magpies held a competition. About 4 o'clock a commissioner arrived, and after being welcomed by the captain, was entertained by the Guides. The following items were rendered by the different patrols:—An imitation campfire by the Kookaburras, a short but humorous play by the Magpies, plantation melodies sung by the Galahs, and a charade acted by the Blue Wrens. During afternoon tea the Commissioner awarded several service stars, and presented the Patrol Corner Cup to the Galahs. She was then presented by the Guides with a book, in remembrance of the jolly time spent with them at the Easter camp.

The Cubs' Corner.

HOW TO GROW A MINIATURE FOREST

Next time you go for a walk in the country look out for the nice things growing on the fields, for now is the time to make an indoor garden.

This is the way to plant the garden. At the bottom of a bowl, box, or flowerpot put a layer of pebbles. This is to form drainage. Then cover with fine earth, or better still with coconut fiber.

Arrange your acorns and nuts carefully, cover with fiber, and press down firmly. Put the bowl in a dark cupboard and sprinkle with warm water about twice a week. In five or six weeks' time you will see little sprouts peeping through the fiber. Then put the bowl in a sunny room, and soon you will have a tiny forest of your own. When the treelets are bigger you must plant them out of doors. Save the tips from the next orange you eat, let them dry, and then plant them. They will grow quickly, and in time bear sweet-smelling white blossoms.

Who would not like to own a pot full of tiny palm trees? Well, all you have to do is to plant some date stones, and then be patient for a month or two.

If Mother will lend you one of her shallow flower bowls, you can evergreen such as yew or box. These will stick upright in the sand. A strap of mirror arranged in the bowl will form a "pond." Fill the bowl with damp sand; heap it high at one side to form a "hill," and cover with moss. Next make a "forest" with sprigs of

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Sports take a very prominent place. In the realm of lawn bowls, the Shanghai Interport visit has concluded and other important local matches have been played; flat racing has been resumed under new circumstances; surprises have come thus early in the soccer season; competition is keen for the forthcoming triangular cricket tournament with Shanghai and Malaya. All this is "covered" by the "Overland," the only weekly news budget published in Hong Kong carrying pictures.

"Social and personal" events deserve much attention, with the passing away of respected residents, a number of weddings and announcements of more to follow during "the Hong Kong season."

"Double Ten Day" (the anniversary of the Republic of China) was celebrated in Hong Kong in a manner befitting the first time of making it a public holiday. Read about it in the "Overland."

On the West River delta, because of political developments, pirates have ventured out again. In connection with them, exciting narratives are printed in the "Overland."

Mention of politics brings to mind the fact that three "wars" are being waged in China at the moment: in Manchuria, v. the Soviet; in the South, the Ironsides on their forlorn hope; and in North China, the flinging down of the gauntlet by the "Christian General's" men in defiance of the Central authorities. What is happening is both recorded and described (for the benefit of the foreigner) in the "Overland China Mail." Be certain you get your copy and post it in time. Or leave an order with the "Overland" office.

Letters to relatives and friends in other parts of the world frequently fail to be written even by the most ardent correspondents. It is a kindly thought, therefore, to ensure that those away from the Colony, or folks at Home, should have an unfailing supply of Hong Kong and China news every week—by means of a subscription to the "Overland China Mail."

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That a fly can walk upside down on the ceiling, because of the suckers on its legs. When it wishes to "release" itself, it allows air in under the suckers with the aid of a hair.

THE THUMB TRICK

Place your thumb in the palm of the hand and close the fingers over it. Then tuck the hand up under the armpit, withdraw the thumb, and try to put it back again. Seems simple, but try it.

LUCKY BOY SCOUT

Scout Reginald Bonham, aged fifteen, of West Ham, whose friendship at the Jamboree with Dr. Forest H. Staley, a scoutmaster, of St. Louis (America), led to the latter offering to take the boy to America to give him a medical training, has left England to begin his new career.

"My intention," Dr. Staley said "is to give Reginald the best education that American schools can bestow."

Bonham met Dr. Staley when asked to play in a game of baseball.

"It is wonderful," he said enthusiastically. "I have always wanted to go abroad and I am so glad."

The boy's father is a tramway inspector, and lives at Warwick-road, Stratford.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Hong Kong,
October 18th, 1923.

Stock	Closing Quotations 4 p.m. Friday 18th.	Rise or Fall over Week	Approximate yield per cent. on amount so quoted based on last year's dividend	Capital	Number of Shares	Value	Paid up	Reserve	Carried Forward	Date	Last Dividend	When Paid
Banks												
H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp. (London)	\$1,365 b \$1,360 aa \$128 nominal	+ \$5.00	6 1/2 %	\$20,000,000	160,000	\$125	\$125	\$5,000,000 \$14,000,000	\$3,397,812	31.12.23	Int. div. of \$3 at 1 1/4% = \$31.13 per share for 1923	Aug. 6, 1923.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China	\$19 1/4 buyers			\$3,000,000	600,000	\$5	\$5	\$4,000,000	\$186,656	31.12.23	Interim div. of 14% p.a.	Sept. 1923
Mercantile Bank of India, Australia & China	\$30 1/2 nominal \$16 1/2 nominal			\$1,800,000	80,000	\$25	\$12 1/2	\$1,450,000	\$162,046	31.12.23	Interim of 8% a/c 1923	Sept. 1923
Bank of East Asia, Ltd.	\$80 1/2 nominal		8 %	\$10,000,000	120,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,500,000	\$401,749	31.12.23	Dividend of \$6 for 1923 and bonus \$2 making \$8 for 1923	Feb. 18, 1923
Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$600 buyers		6 %	\$2,500,000	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$310,000 \$1,041,235 \$230,000 \$1,821,770 \$2,381,061	\$1,657,848	31.12.23	Final of \$22 making \$40 for 1923 Int. of \$18 for 1923	May 23, 1923
Union Insurance Co. of Canton, Ltd.	\$380 sellers		6 %	\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$4	\$69,500 \$203,125 \$2,314,291 \$212,819 \$230,000 \$447,850 \$159,000	\$254,179	31.12.23	Final of 16% for 1923. Interim of 24% a/c 1923	May 24, 1923
Yangtze Insurance Assoc., Ltd.	M. \$50 nominal		6 %	\$2,500,000	250,000	\$10	\$10				Dividend \$3 1/2 for 1923	June 26, 1923
China Underwriters, Ltd.	\$2 1/2 s. & sa.	— \$0.10		\$5,000,000	500,000	\$10	\$3	\$152,592 \$4,224	Dr. \$37,463	31.12.23	none	
Fire Insurance												
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$310 buyers	+ \$5.00	6 %	\$2,000,000	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$759,762 \$1,000,000 \$759,875 \$1,089,590 \$2,452,412 \$1,092,162 \$200,000	\$907,311	31.12.23	\$9 and bonus \$6 for 1923 and Interim \$3 for 1923	May 24, 1923
H'kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$816 buyers		5 1/2 %	\$2,000,000	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$2,300,000 \$1,739,836 \$512,071 \$100,000	\$676,329	31.12.23	\$43 for 1923	Mar. 26, 1923
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$27 1/2 nominal			\$1,000,000	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$136,438 \$190,074	Nil	31.12.23	Div. of \$4 for 1924	Mar. 28, 1923
H'kong, C. & M. S. B. Co., Ltd.	\$27 buyers		4 %	\$1,200,000	30,000	\$15	\$15	\$50,000 \$1,542 \$368,831 \$438,961	\$36,500	31.12.23	Dividend of \$1 for 1923	Feb. 19, 1923
Indo China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	\$43 buyers \$70 nominal	+ \$0.50		\$1,200,000	120,000 120,000	\$5 \$5	\$5 \$5	\$185,000 \$208,215 \$50,898 \$264,877 \$280,178 \$127,917	\$15,113	31.12.23	Div. of 12/- at ex. 2/0% = \$5.94 a/c 1924 and 1925 on preferred shares Div. of 30/- at ex. 2/6% = \$11.90 on deferred shares a/c 1921	June 19, 1923 May 24, 1923
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	\$72 1/2 b \$73 aa.		5 %	\$800,000	80,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000 \$160,000 \$98,712	\$40,038	31.12.23	Div. \$2 and bonus \$1 1/2 making \$3 1/2 for 1923	Feb. 15, 1923
Refineries												
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$0.95 nominal			\$2,000,000	80,000	\$25	\$25	\$244,000	nil	31.12.23	(In Liquidation) P. 3 a/c 1923	April 11, 1923
Malayan Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$27 nominal			\$2,000,000	14,000	\$140	\$30					
Oil and Mining												
Kallian Mining Administration	57/6 buyers	— 2/6	7 %	\$2,000,000	2,000,000	\$1	\$1				Int. of 2/- Free Income Tax for year ending 30-6-23 (Coupon No. 54)	May 16, 1923
Maatschappij tot Exploitatie van Langkat-Singapore	Tls. 16 1/2 nominal			Tls. 1,825,000	250,000	Gld. 10/-	all	Tls. 152,165	Cr. Tls. 45,998	31.10.23	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-23	April 5, 1923
Do. Exploration & Development	Tls. 10 nominal			Tls. 3,000,000	600,000	Tls. 5/-	all	Nil	Dr. Tls. 106,215	31.12.23	T. 75 cts. for 1923	Feb. 15, 1923
Do. Loan and Investment	Tls. 1 1/2 nominal			Tls. 1,250,000	250,000	Tls. 5/-	all	Tls. 500,000	Cr. Tls. 16,001	31.12.23	Final Div. of 1/6 per share making 2/6 for year	Aug. 10, 1923
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$0 1/2 nominal	+ \$1.50	15 1/2 %	\$200,000	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$10,000	\$7,321	31.12.23	Final Div. of 3/- Free Income Tax making 5/- for 1923 (Coupon No. 54)	July 5, 1923
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	100/- nominal		5 %	\$43,000,000	11,000,000	\$1	\$1	\$6,354,165	\$287,604	31.12.23	Div. \$6 and bonus \$2 making \$8 for 1923	Mar. 7, 1923
H'kong & K. W. & G. Co., Ltd.	\$14 1/2 b \$14 1/4 aa.	+ \$1.00	6 1/2 %	\$4,000,000	80,000	\$50	\$50	\$100,000 \$400,000	\$360,063	31.12.23	Final Div. of \$2 making \$4 for 1924 Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 for the year ending 30.4.23 and return of Tls. 25 per share on 24th October, 1923	Mar. 31, 1923
H.K. & W. Dock Co., Ltd.	\$32 1/2 b. & sa.			\$10,000,000	200,000	\$50	\$50	\$3,000,000	\$121,381	31.12.23	Div. of 30.4.23 and return of Tls. 25 per share on 24th October, 1923	Aug. 16, 1923
S'hai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 141 nominal	— T. 1.50	6 1/2 %	Tls. 4,177,500	55,700	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 1,250,000 750,000	Tls. 90,219	30.4.23	Div. 0.40 for 1923	Mar. 15, 1923
New Engineering & Shipbuilding Works, Ltd.	Tls. 8 1/2 nominal Tls. 4 1/2 buyers	+ T. 0.50	6 1/2 %	Tls. 5,000,000	500,000 500,000	Tls. 5 Tls. 5	Tls. 5 Tls. 5	Tls. 600,000 745,012 200,000	Tls. 54,379	31.12.23	Div. 8% on Preference shares	
S'hai & H'kew Wharf Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100 buyers		6 1/2 %	Tls. 4,000,000	40,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 686,983 120,415 450,000 75,000 675,000	Tls. 17,826	31.12.23	Interim of Tls. 3 a/c 1923	Sept. 12, 1923
Lands, Hotels & Buildings												
H'kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.	\$10 1/2 b. \$10.30/1/2 aa.			\$10,000,000	1,000,000	\$10	\$10	\$6,518,340	\$176,510	31.12.23	Final div. of \$0.60 on Old and New shares for year ending 31.12.23	April 8, 1923
H'kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	\$67 1/2 b. & sa.		6 %	\$6,000,000	240,000	\$25	\$25	\$7,000,000 \$250,000 \$50,000	\$985,978	31.12.23	Int. div. of \$2 for 1923	Aug. 2, 1923
H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	\$14.60 buyers	+ \$0.30	6 1/2 %	\$1,500,000	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$450,000 \$450,000 \$22,883	\$98,728	31.12.23	Div. 80 cents and bonus 20 cents making \$1 for 1923	Feb. 8, 1923
S'hai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	Tls. 160 nominal		6 %	Tls. 5,850,000	117,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 2,034,010 500,000	Tls. 602,808.17	31.12.23	Interim of Tls. 3 a/c 1923	July 31, 1923
H.K. Realty & Trust Co., Ltd.	\$9.10 b. \$8 1/2 aa.	+ \$0.10	7 %	\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$200,000	\$11,057	31.12.23	Interim of 30 cents a/c 1923	Aug. 12, 1923
Cotton Mills												
Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Tls. 18 1/2 sales	+ T. 0.25	4 1/2 %	Tls. 5,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000	1,000,000 100,000	Tls. 5 Tls. 100	Tls. 5 Tls. 100	Tls. 2,000,000 1,000,000 600,000 204,780 1,000,000 450,000 150,000 300,000 30,000	Tls. 4,950	31.12.23	Interim div. of T. 0.40 a/c 1923	Aug. 28, 1923
Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	(Old) T. 94 n. (New) T. 65 n.		4 % 3 %	Tls. 4,000,000 Tls. 2,000,000	80,000 40,000	Tls. 50 Tls. 50	Tls. 50 Tls. 25	Tls. 1,000,000 450,000 150,000	Tls. 162,900	30.4.23	Div. of Tls. 2 for Old, Tls. 1 for New for half year ending 30.4.23	May 30, 1923
Zoong Sing Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Tls. 12.80 n. \$14.60 buyers			Tls. 2,000,000	200,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	Tls. 300,000 30,000	Tls. 10,304	30.6.23	Tl. 0.60 for year ending 30 June 1923	Pending
China Light & Power Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$14 1/2 b. \$14.60 aa.		4 %	\$8,600,000	720,000	\$5	all	\$119,418	\$54,262	30.9.23	Int. dividend 25 cents. account 1921	May 6, 1923
China Light & Power Co., Ltd. (New)	\$14.40 b. \$14.60 aa.			\$400,000	80,000	\$5	all				Fin. div. of 80 cts. on Old 77 cts. on Bonus and 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.23	April 27, 1923
China Port. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	\$21 1/2 b. & sa.			\$2,000,000	200,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$50,000 \$200,000 \$110,000	\$25,286	31.12.23	Div. of \$1.25 for 1923	Mar. 4, 1923
Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.	\$22 1/2 sellers	+ \$0.50		\$1,500,000	200,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. (Comb.)	\$11 1/2 sales											
Do. (Old)	\$9 1/2 sellers			\$3,000,000	400,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$400,000	\$9,902	31.12.23	Div. of 80 cts. on Old shares and 10.56 cts. on New shares for 1923	Mar. 17, 1923
Do. (New)	\$2.40 buyers	+ \$0.20		\$5,000,000	400,000	\$12 1/2	\$12 1/2	\$500,000			Div. of \$2.50 on Old and \$1.25 New shares for year ended 31.12.23	Mar. 22, 1923
Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$60 b. \$55/80 aa.	— \$0.25	4 %	\$4,500,000	450,000	\$10	\$10	\$2,800,000	\$97,131	31.12.23	Fin. div. of 85 cts. on Old 82 cts. on Bonus, 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.23	Feb. 26, 1923
Hong Kong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	\$8.80 b. \$8.85/9			\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$10,000	\$101,726	31.12.23	Interim of 50 cents a/c 1923	Aug. 27, 1923
Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd.	\$19.30 b. \$19 1/2 aa. \$19.25/40 aa.		7 %	\$3,250,000	650,000	\$5	\$5	\$100,000	\$245,749	31.12.23	10% for year ended 30.4.23	June 7, 1923
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$11.80 sellers		8 %	\$750,000	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$150,000	\$13,615	30.4.23		
Do. (New)	\$9.05 nominal		8 %		50,000	\$10	\$5	\$26,958				
Union Waterboat Co., Ltd.	\$22 nominal		7 %	\$350,000	50,000	\$7	\$7	\$45,000 \$9,732 \$71,989 \$64,425	\$6,231	31.12.23	Div. of \$1.25 and bonus 25 cents per share a/c 1923	Jan. 31, 1923
Watson (A. S.) & Co., Ltd.	\$11 1/2 buyers	+ \$0.10	6 1/2 %	\$1,200,000	120,000	\$10	\$10	\$600,000	\$62,044	31.10.23	Div. 80 cts. for year ended 31.10.23	Mar. 28, 1923
William Powell, Limited	\$2 1/2 s. & sa.		8 %	\$84,000	42,000	\$2	\$2	\$10,000	\$5,360	28.2.23	Dividend 25 cents for 28.2.23	June 10, 1923
Lane, Crawford, Ltd.	\$1 1/2 b. \$2 aa.			\$900,000	150,000	\$6	\$6	\$20,000	\$6,142	28.2.23	Div. 30 cts. for year ending 28.2.23	April 24, 1923
H.K. & C'lon Ice Manu. Co., Ltd.	\$3 1/2 nominal			\$400,000	40,000	\$5	\$5		Dr. \$160,486	31.12.23	none	
H.K. Eng. & Cons. Co., Ltd.	\$1.10 s. \$1.15 aa.		5 %	\$1,000,000	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$10,000	Dr. \$542,576	31.12.23	Dividend of 4% for 1923	Feb. 21, 1923
China General Omnibus Co., Ltd.	Tls. 15 1/2 buyers		8 %	Tls. 1,000,000	100,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	Tls. 176,011 \$111,352 \$5 \$175,040	Tls. 18,888	31.12.23	\$2 1/2 on Preferred & \$1 1/2 on Deferred	July 24, 1923
Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd.	\$30 sellers		8 %	\$200,000	20,000	\$10	\$10	\$20,000	\$29,886	31.12.23	Interim of 4% a/c 1923	Sept. 18, 1923
Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd.	\$8 1/2 b. & sa.		8 %	\$5,000,000	500,000	\$10	\$10	\$16,404			5% on Preference shares subject to Income Tax	Feb. 5, 1923
Singapore Tramway Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	11/- sellers			\$400,000	40,000	\$10	\$10	\$155,500	\$945,466	30.9.23	\$4 for year ending 28.2.23	June 5, 1923
China Estates, Ltd. (Pref.)	\$98 sellers		4 %	\$1,000,000	100,000	\$10	\$10				First year	
Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	Tls. 11 buyers			Tls. 3,000,000	300,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10					
do.	Tls. 10 buyers											

Building Reserve Account.
Investment Fluctuation Account.
Depreciation Fund.
Equalization of Dividend Fund.
Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account.
Gold Reserve Fund.
Insurance Fund.
Special Reserve Fund.
Special Repairs Fund.

Underwriting Account.
Legal Reserve Fund.
Repairs and Renewals Account.
Silver Reserve Fund.
Underwriting Suspense Account.
Special Reserve Fund.
Share Fluctuation Account.
Extra Reserve Fund.
Cattle Reserve Fund.
Reserve for New Plant.

1) First issue of 120,000 of which 70,411 unallotted.
2) 20,000 shares unissued.
3) 250,000 shares issued.
4) 500 shares unissued.
5) 22,277 shares unissued.
6) Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund.
7) 203,648 shares unissued.
8) 19,987,607 shares issued.
9) 123 shares unissued.
10) 5,000,000 shares issued.
11) 60,000 shares unissued.

12) Cotton Fluctuation Account.
13) 150,000 shares unissued.
14) 100,000 shares unissued.
15) 240,584 shares issued.
16) 200,000 shares issued.
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18) 1,000 shares unissued.
19) 2,749 shares unissued.
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23) 4,000 shares unissued.
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30) 34,791 unissued.
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33) 50,000 shares unissued.
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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

"MAIL" REVIEWS

SOME BEST SELLERS

"The Rosy Fingers," by Colonel Arthur Lynch (Cecil Palmer 7/6d. net.)

"A Child's Robert Louis Stevenson," Arranged by Patrick Braybrooke (Cecil Palmer 7/6d.)

"Red Aces," by Edgar Wallace, (Hodder and Stoughton, 7/6d.)

"Blood Royal," by Dornford Yates, (Hodder and Stoughton, 3/6d.)

[By "Bookworm"]

"The Rosy Fingers" is a remarkable book, the many good points of which are nullified by the author's unfortunate complex. The preface and the first chapter, headed "Introductory Considerations," are as egotistical as anything we have ever read.

Thus we have in the very first sentence: "This little book is written in the hope of laying the foundations of a better world." Later on we get: "I have begged the hammer of Thor to smite on the structures; those that are rotten crumble at the blow." And from there to the end of the book the trumpet-blowing goes on until one expects to hear the author exclaim like John of Gaunt, "Methinks I am a prophet now-inspired."

In passage after passage we have Nigrams of verbosity cascading from paragraph to paragraph so that one cannot see the page for words.

The jaded reader struggles through a welter of polysyllables and becomes too fagged to be interested. Then the author seems to believe that he has a monopoly of wisdom: Kant is wrong, Hegel is wrong, Hume and Locke are wrong, Baldwin and McDonald are wrong; Lynch alone knows.

Colonel Lynch, who is old enough to know better, reminds one of a swollen-headed young student, conscious of his superiority, returning to his native village and talking down to the awestruck yokels at the Church Literary Society. He is far too full of Colonel Lynch and does not give the ordinary reader enough credit for wisdom and judgment. And that is a pity for Mr. Lynch is undoubtedly a brilliant though lop-sided man who says many clever and arresting things. But, unfortunately for him, braggarts are seldom taken seriously, and so many of his wise and pregnant remarks get from the irritated reader less attention than they deserve. The footnotes are excellent and easily the most enjoyable part of the book being direct, meaty, and free from the first person singular. If Colonel Lynch had only got some candid literary friend to cut out the digressions, tone the highly coloured passages, and prune remorselessly the book would have been one hundred pages smaller, one hundred per cent. more readable, and one thousand per cent. more influential.

This delightful Stevenson anthology is worthy of Arthur Men. The list of extracts makes the mouth water. We get "Adventures Big and Little" from "Kidnapped," "Treasure Island," and "The New Arabian Nights"; "Fights Great and Small"; "Incidents that Thrill"; "Pictures of Oceans and Ships"; "Travel Pictures"; "Romance"; "Some Stevenson Characters"; "Fables"; "Historical Characters"; "Prayers"; and last but not of least importance, selections from "A Child's

Garden of Verses" and "Poems." Who could not enjoy such a literary feast? The extracts are prefaced by a short well-written biography of Stevenson and rounded off with excellent notes and a glossary. Though this is essentially a book for children, adults, especially those whom Stevenson has thrilled, will find it a joy. An ideal prize or Christmas present for a boy or girl.

In "Red Aces," Mr. Reeder, the quiet and enigmatic detective solves three exciting and mysterious problems of crime in a manner highly satisfactory to himself and to the numerous admirers of the indefatigable Edgar Wallace. The stories are better than many by this author; the plots enthrall, the narrative is swift and vigorous, and there are some pleasantly humorous character sketches, especially that of Reeder's too efficient secretary, Miss Gillette. The book is to be recommended even to the jaded taste of the most hardened "thriller fan."

When two adventurous young men with two ex-servicemen as servants, a Rolls-Royce and unlimited leisure and money find themselves suddenly entangled in the politics of a small Balkan Kingdom, things are bound to move briskly.

In "Blood Royal" complications thicken fast and furiously as the adventurers pledge themselves to secure a throne for a very unsatisfactory princeling, because that is the desire of the beautiful and royal lady to whom the princeling is affianced.

The story is stirring, and told with verve and humour and charm, though one cannot but feel that "The Prisoner of Zenda" is still unbeaten in its own genre; it has, if one may use the term, a certain "flourish" that is not found here.

But Mr. Dornford Yates is never dull and this book will add to his already wide-spread popularity.

A MAHARANI'S BOOK

Sunity Deves, Maharani of Cooh Behar, a lady already known for her writings, has a book in the autumn list of Elkin Matthews. It is entitled "The Life of Princess Yashodara, Wife and Disciple of the Lord Buddha," and it is an important work for those who are interested in Buddhism. The lore of India and its religions in a field in which the Maharani has laboured with love, and her new life of Buddha's princess is another page in that labour.

"The Land" in England

Lord Bledisloe, a great authority on English agriculture, introduces a book which a companion authority, Mr. Christopher Turner, has written for the Bodley Head. It is called, "The Land: Agriculture and National Economy," and its purpose is to place before townspeople a sketch of the agricultural situation. A first section gives a brief history of agriculture, leading up to the second section, which is "the present." A third section deals with the future, inasmuch as it sets forth a wide range of measures for the organisation and development of English agriculture.

The Fine Edition

The Great War was hard on expensive editions of books, but now the English publishers are again active in that line, particularly the Constables. They are issuing, for the winter, an edition of

Arthur Schnitzler, the Vienna novelist's "Fraulein Else," with colour drawings by Donia Nachshen, the Russian artist. They also promise a fine two-volume edition of Captain Marryat's very English "Peter Simple." It will have an introductory essay by Mr. Michael Sadleir and a note on the life and work of R. W. Buss, whose drawings are used to illustrate the edition.

A Marshal of Napoleon

Sir Dunbar Plunket Barton has finished a long study of "The Amazing Career of Bernadotte," and the book will shortly appear with John Murray. Lord Rosebery once said that the Bernadotte dynasty in Sweden is the only trace of the Napoleonic regime now visible on the face of Europe. The founder of the house went through strange adventures, even for Napoleon's romantic Marshal. He was instrumental in the rise, the development, and the fall of the First Empire, and he was Napoleon's chief rival. Sir Dunbar Barton says, indeed, that if Bonaparte was the Caesar of the age Bernadotte sometimes played towards him the part of Pompey, sometimes the part of Mark Antony.

Our Indian Problems

"Scraps of Paper," a book announced by Ernest Benn, is a presentation of the crucial problems which confront us in India. It is by Mr. A. P. Nicholson, whose "Real Men in Public Life" was a successful book last year. He now brings back the past in which our treaties with the Indian princes were made, and he shows them as a fascinating element in the future structure of India. The archives of the Native States were ransacked for the evidence on which the Indian Princes rely. It was given in private before the Harcourt Butler Commission, and it has been placed at the disposal of Mr. Nicholson.

A Scholar's Recollections

The name of Professor Westermarck has been familiar ever since he wrote his famous "History of Human Marriage." Quite recently he has been writing his memories, and they will be an early autumn book with Allen and Unwin. Born and educated in the liberal atmosphere of Finland, Dr. Westermarck was for many years Lecturer on Sociology in the University of London. He counted among his friends eminent Englishmen like Charles Darwin, Francis Galton, John Morley, Joseph Chamberlain, and the Earl of Balfour. The publishers say these "Memories of My Life" have "keen observation" and "quiet humour" and that they constitute both a "thoughtful and genial commentary on men and things and a book of travel."

Writers and Readers

"E. Barrington" makes Cleopatra the heroine of a story, "The Laughing Queen," which Harparr will publish at once.

"Sketch of a Sinner" is a love story, with five characters, which Mr. Frank Swinerton has appearing through Hutchinson.

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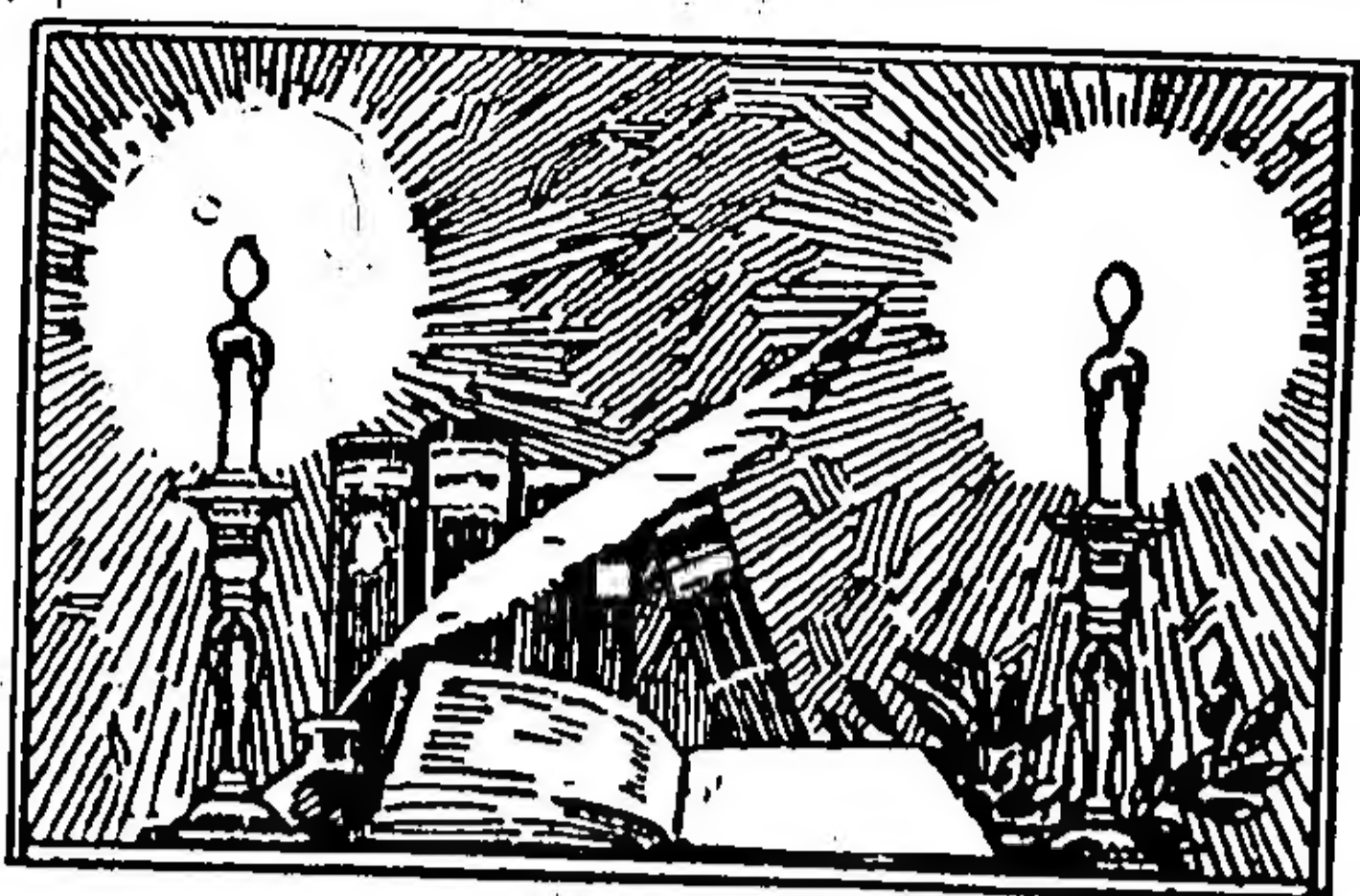
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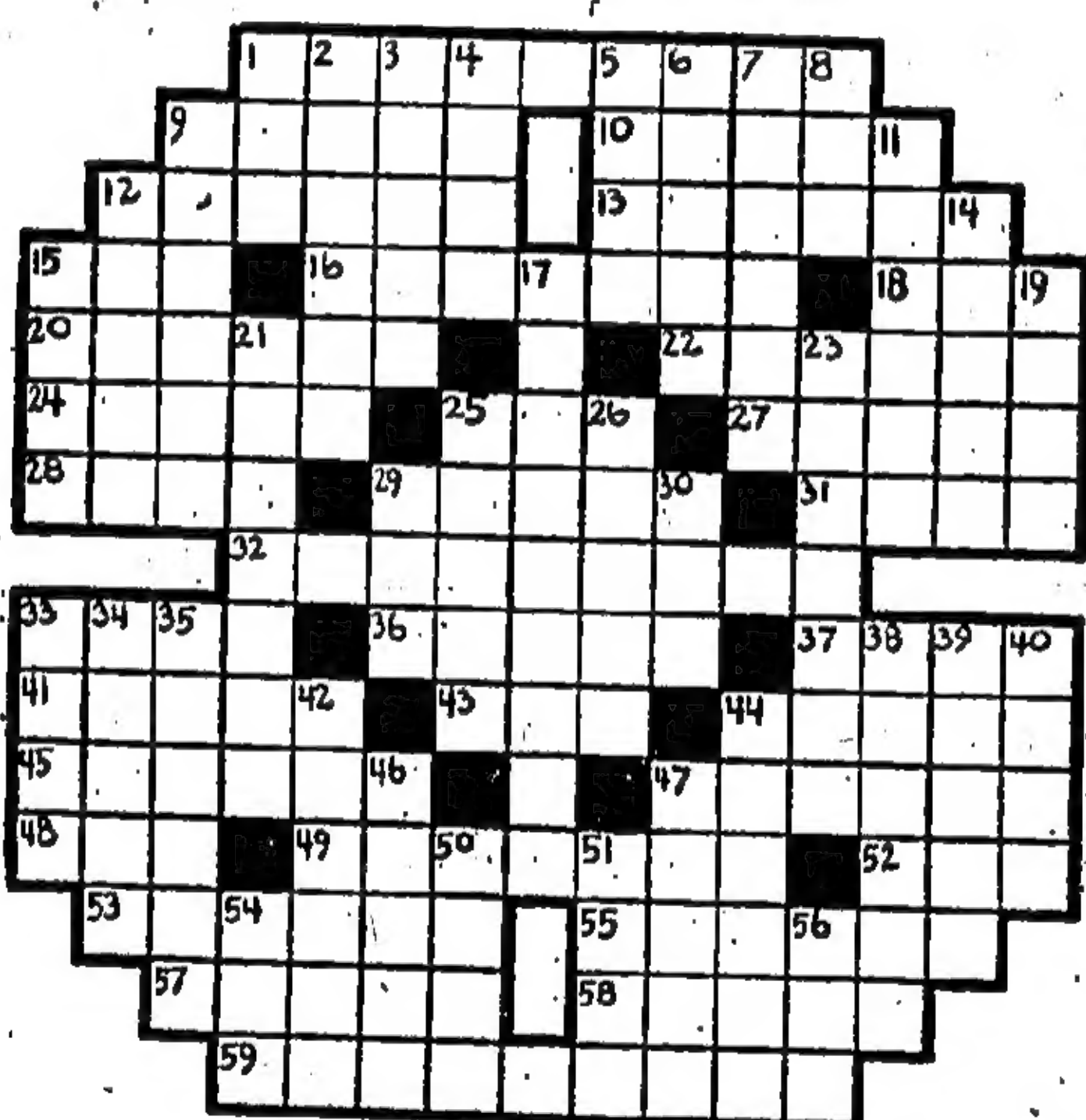
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Reveals
- 2-Dressed
- 3-Famous German painter
- 4-Inmate
- 5-Corridor
- 6-Descendant
- 7-Ba derived from
- 8-Curved line
- 9-Framwork with bed for carrying an invalid
- 10-One who utters a sharp cry
- 11-Those who make use of
- 12-Abbreviation for aidman
- 13-New supply
- 14-Coast town, Isle of Wight
- 15-On every side
- 16-Beginner
- 17-Hateful
- 18-Formerly
- 19-Advice (Scott)
- 20-Engrave with acid
- 21-Subsequently
- 22-Small lizard
- 23-County in S. Dakota

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 24-Gem cut in form of a beetle
- 25-Of greater extent
- 26-A kind of knitting
- 27-Propeller
- 28-Leaned upon with confidence
- 29-Obtain by threats
- 30-Combining form, tooth
- 31-Unit together by hammering or fusion
- 32-Fell upon
- 33-Witty saying
- 34-Dwell
- 35-At no time
- 36-Certain dates in Roman calendar
- 37-Rim
- 38-Cheerful
- 39-Merchant
- 40-Fasten with needle and thread
- 41-Blistered
- 42-Truthly
- 43-Turbulent
- 44-Distinct

VERTICAL

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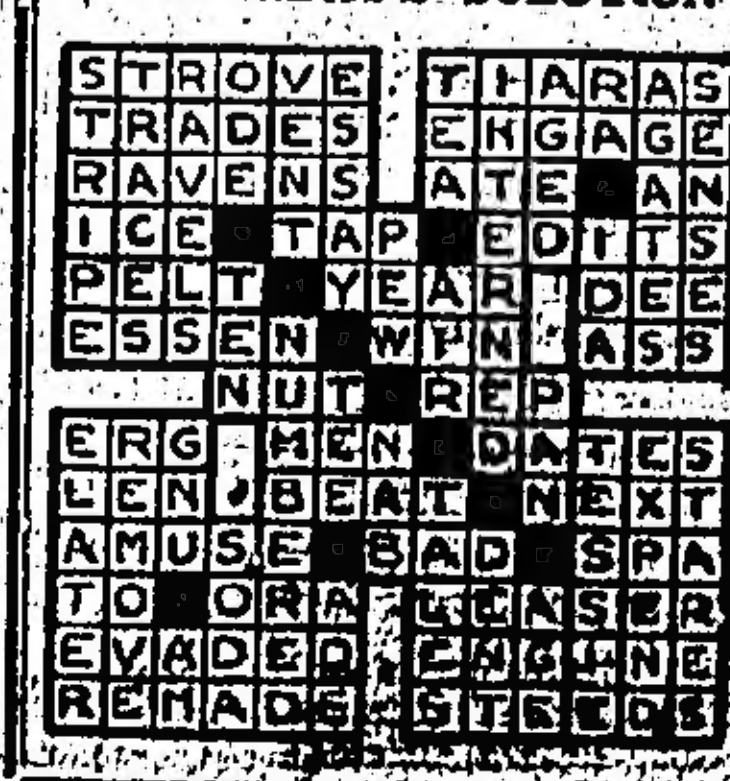
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 15-Disparage
- 16-Heating
- 17-Combining form, cold
- 18-One who entertains with food or drink
- 19-Communications
- 20-Superior
- 21-Ventured
- 22-Exclamation
- 23-Pipe elbow
- 24-Otherwise
- 25-Fast horse
- 26-Gazed at
- 27-Teachers
- 28-Strip of wood nailed across a board
- 29-German "Meter"
- 30-City in S. E. Wisconsin
- 31-Struggle for mastery
- 32-The turbid (Eng.-pl.)
- 33-Irritated
- 34-Pertaining to an ode
- 35-Chopped
- 36-Preceded
- 37-Uneven

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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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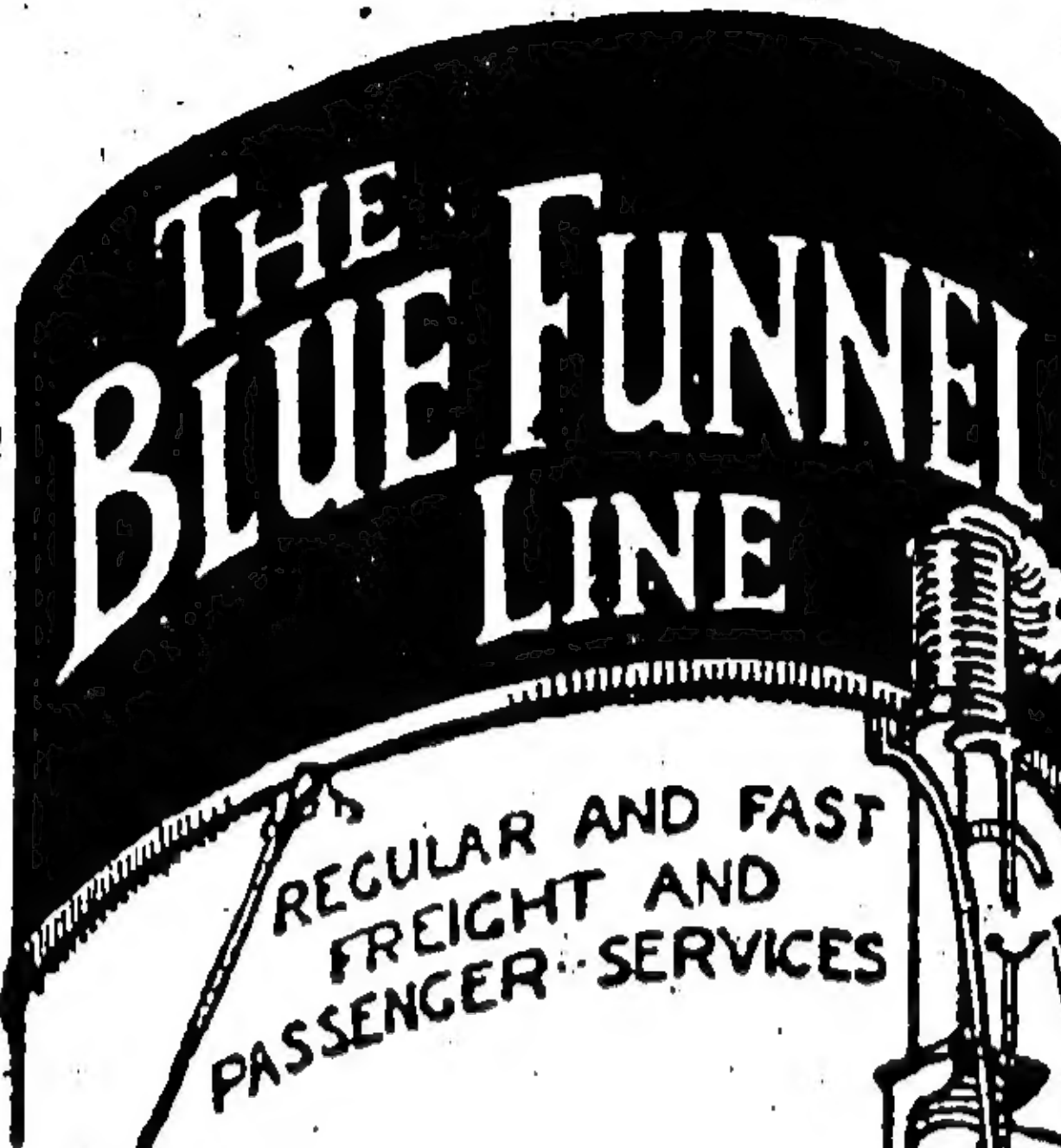
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FIERCE FIGHTING

COMMANDER OF CHINESE LANDING FORCE KILLED
HASTY REINFORCEMENTS

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Messages from Harbin to Rengo state that official Chinese quarters report fierce fighting "in the direction of Sankiangkow," on October 15, in which the commander of the Chinese landing force was killed, and his force defeated.

The Chinese are hastily reinforcing the lower Sungari defences, to which point a contingent of Kirin troops departed from Harbin to-day.

Ten aeroplanes are also being sent to the lower Sungari shortly, while nine warships are concentrating at Fuchin.

Flagship Sunk

Mukden, Yesterday.
Admiral Shen Hung-ih reports that the Red flagship was sunk at Lahassu. Admiral Bastotchkoff, commanding the Red fleet in the Far East and four staff officers were killed.—Router.

Slaughter of "Whites"

Mukden, Yesterday.
Four thousand Russians, representing all classes in Harbin, have telegraphed to Presidents and Prime Ministers in all countries, stating the gruesome details of slaughter and torturing of the White Russian population by the Reds in the Three Rivers region.

The senders appeal to civilised nations to protest against such atrocities, and appeal to the Chinese Government to appoint an international commission to investigate the facts, also to request charitable institutions to aid the refugees.—Router.

GRAFT ALLEGED

POLICE & BANKS IMPLICATED IN RUM-RAID

\$2,000,000 PROFITS

New York, Yesterday.
Startling revelations followed the raid on the rum-runners fortress in New Jersey.

It is announced that books were found, apparently implicating seven New Jersey banks, members of the United States consulars, and reputable attorneys.

Local New Jersey police are also said to be involved in the activities of the rum-running combination, whose profits in six months have been \$2,000,000, of which the leaders shared 25 per cent.—Router's American Service.

The "Shawnee" Incident

Washington, Yesterday.
Acting on instructions from Ottawa the Canadian Dogation has asked the State Department to report with regard to the "Shawnee" incident.—Router's American Service.

[Captain MacLeod, of the motorboat "Shawnee," declared that on September 19, he was fired on without warning by a U.S. coast guard cutter 25 miles off the New York coast.]

APPOINTMENTS

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Lieut.-Commander Thomas Charles Stiff, R.N.R., to be an Assistant Government Marine Surveyor (Nautical Surveyor), Harbour Department, with effect from October 10.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Lieut.-Commander Lionel Moore Bridge, Royal Navy, to be a member of the Harbour Board, with effect from October 16.

RETREAT OF REBEL SOLDIERS

TROOPS RECALLED

TRANSFER OF UNITS TO CANTON INDICATED

[By Our Political Correspondent.]

New trouble for the National Government in the shape of the mutiny at Wuhu, on the Lower Yangtze River, appears to have passed, for a Royal Naval communiqué issued to-day reads:—

The position at Wuhu is easier. It is reported that rebel soldiers (formerly under Fang Chen-wu) have retreated. The origin of the trouble appears to be somewhat obscure, but it was most probably due to the troops being recently expelled from Wuhu. It is not anticipated that the position will become serious.

Pressing Necessity.
Yet there must be some pressing necessity, else Marshal Chiang Kai-shek would not have so precipitately recalled the two divisions of Northern troops he sent down very recently to Canton.

The transfer of these units to Canton indicated, at first, that Chiang Kai-shek intended to hold Kwangtung to the last, if needs be. But, like the Legions withdrawn from old Britain when the Roman Empire was tottering to its fall, the Northerners have set sail from Canton, possibly never to return.

General Chan Ming-shu (Civil Governor) is stated to have been in tears when he received the order to ship the Northerners back "as their services were urgently required at Pukow," states the "China Mail" political correspondent.

Arrangements have now been made and it appears that Chiang Kai-shek is anxious about his own position, causing him to leave Canton to its own fate as regards the invaders (like the Saxons), hovering in the distance, in the shape of the Ironsides, who will have less resistance to meet.

No Decisive Move
Hankow, Yesterday.

So far as can be ascertained, the vanguard of the Kuomintang is at present at Yenshih, on the Lung-hai Railway, while the nearest Nationalist troops comprise the forces of Tang Seng-chi, who occupy Hsishihkuang, west of Chengchow. No decisive move has yet been made by either side.

To Support Nanking
Local military officials claim they have received a telegram from Yen Hsi-shan declaring he will support the Government. Ho Cheng-chun is proceeding to Chengchow from Peking to assume command there, and it is stated that the 58rd and 54th Divisions who now occupy Chengchow, will be ordered to move westward to support Tang Seng-chi in checking the Kuomintang invasion.

The position here continues quiet. Almost all available troops have now left for the front, accompanied by several foreign advisers, and numbers of aeroplanes. The stage seems all set for the commencement of hostilities.—Router.

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WEEKLY REFLECTIONS AND NOTES

BRIGHT FUTURE

Hong Kong, Oct. 19, 1929.

My Dear Ahg,

I was unavoidably absent from Hong Kong on urgent business for the past fortnight, and was, therefore, prevented from writing to you last Saturday. On my return I was delighted to observe an appreciable increase in the market quotations of most stocks. This is attributable mainly to the sensational drop in the Exchange rate, which, by the way, was long overdue. The opinion is fairly generally expressed that now that an honest attempt is being made to place the Hong Kong dollar at its true value, the low rate of exchange which must inevitably prevail will, (a), attract money to the Colony for investment, and, (b), substantially increase the profits of many local companies. With regard to (a) this has already commenced in a small way, and promises to increase as Exchange declines further to the parity of the British dollar which is around 1/8½. Further, I am told that the Chinese, who have been shy of shares for the past few years, appear to have regained confidence, and are showing signs of ever increasing interest in the market. It is not surprising, therefore, that Brokers on the Rialto are being kept fairly busy endeavouring to cope with the demand for scrip. Taking all in all, the future looks BRIGHTNESS, and is being looked forward to with a spirit of cheerful optimism.

The rise of \$1½ in Hong Kong Tramways is perhaps indicative of the rumoured intended acquisition of the Hong Kong Hotel buses. Since these buses appeared on the road the Tramway Co. has suffered. It is obvious that if they do not intend losing further ground they must either purchase the opposition buses, or form a new bus company for the purpose of (1) acquiring the Hong Kong Hotel Company's automobile and bus business and all its appurtenances, and (2) the buses now operated by the Tramway Co. The capital, which must necessarily be commensurate with the size of the undertaking, will, I think, be readily subscribed by the two companies concerned or their respective shareholders, and I feel sure that a company formed for such a purpose will be welcomed as being a practicable solution of a knotty problem. Such a scheme, if carried through, will without a doubt renew the confidence of the investing public in the shares of the two companies concerned, though I am inclined to believe that Hotels, being a lower priced stock, will appreciate more in proportion to Tramways. Hotel shares are now standing at \$10½, a shade over par, and from all accounts will rise further.

Rumours seem to play an important part in the market price of China Light and Power shares which have risen \$1½ since my last letter. As long as the application of the Hong Kong Electric Co. remains under consideration there is danger looming ahead, and intending investors will be well advised to adopt a cautious policy and not be carried away by rumours that are being spread with the object of rigging the market to the benefit of a vicious ring of speculators.

Hong Kong Electric shares continue to rise and are in strong demand at \$8, an appreciation of \$3½. I am told that these shares have risen purely on merit which will take them higher.

I believe I am not wrong in stating that the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co. is the only stock participating in the general rise that is still below par. In view of the possibilities of this company coupled with the prospect of a dividend of 50 cents paid in respect of the current year's working, the present price of \$8½ would appear to be low and a rise would seem to be immediate.

China Providents and Kowloon Wharfs are apparently gaining more favour each day, and I am grouping them together because of the similitude of their business. Considering the nature of their business and the fact that the first named company is not as yet in a position to declare a dividend, I am led to believe that the rise in these shares is particularly significant—owing to the opinion that the natural corollary of the reversion of the Hong Kong dollar to parity is a trade boom in the Colony.

Hong Kong Land Investments proved a strong favourite, and the rise of \$1 is generally appreciated by many genuine investors. For the past few years the shares of this company have not been subjected to any serious fluctuation due perhaps to their being unattractive to the speculative element. Owing to the soundness of these shares I believe that a further rise may be expected in them.

The market for Hong Kong Banks and Union Insurance appears to be largely regulated by the price of the Hong Kong dollar, and paying as they do sterling dividends they soon followed an upward course when the dollar commenced to decline.

It is argued by many that the drop in exchange will bring untold benefit to the Green Island Cement Co. who have for a number of years been fac-

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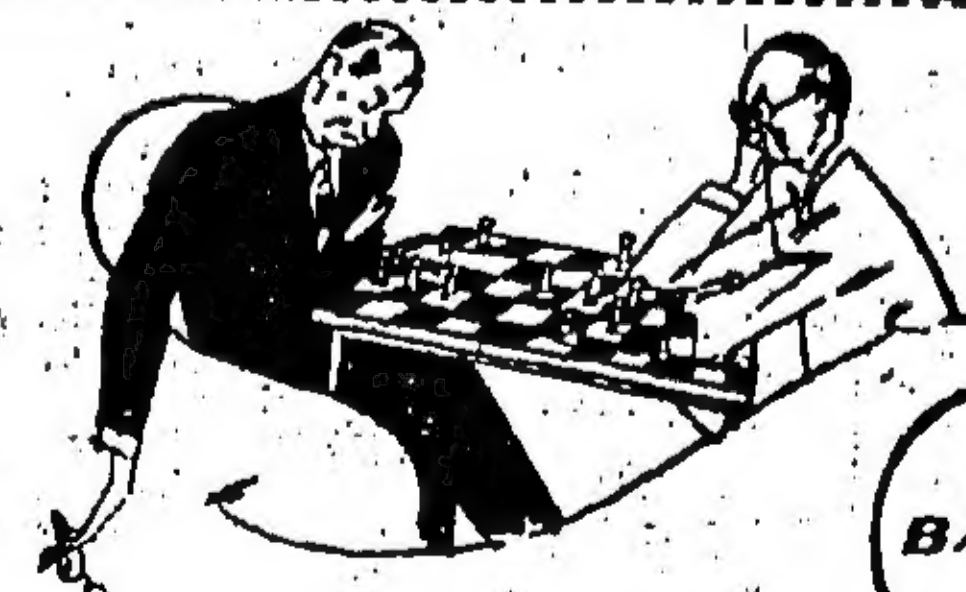
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ing serious competition from countries with a gold currency. I am told that they secured Exchange for the new machinery prior to the drop, and to the Green Island Cement Co. who their investments have improved considerably in value. Being the most sensitive shares listed on the Rialto they rose rather sharply to \$11.80, and I am told large parcels of shares changed hands.

Yours, etc.,
BILLY BULL.